Remsen Nov friday

My Dear Daughters

Your Father and Sis Lewis and Jane are gone to meeting in Sixty they have meetings every evening this week, there is some feeling there; you shall hear soon about it again Eddy and Gerange are gone to the village to the english Church they were there last evening, meetings are very interesting there 6 came forward last night Mrs Burret and fredee Mrs Herron and Henk Herron Jake Lewis s wife and Cornelia Evans her daughter fifteen were received at Mr Roberts Church last Sabbath there seems to be a feeling on the subject of religion through this region generally hope we

shall feel it more,
received your letter yesterday
were very glad to get it, and to find
you were comfortable hope you
will make out to keep warm
are things much dearer there
than here, Richard, Wm Williams,
velin dwyren's son talks of going
to galesburg soon if he can
settle his affairs, what do you
want us to send you if we
have a chance
Sarah is in Utica since last friday
Lizzy is very low I do not think she
will live but a short time
we feel very sorry we did not be
more faithful to urge the importance
of religion when she was with
us, she is so weak that she
can not bear but little talking
she told me when I was there
three weeks ago that she tried to
pray may she find the savior
precious and put her trust in him

Cylch-Lythyr.

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REMSEN, N. Y., TACH. 17, 1857.

ANWYL GYFAILL,—Yr ydym yn anturio danfon y Cylch-Lythyr hwn atoch i ddeisyf eich cymhorth yn achos derbyniad a lledaeniad y

CENHADWR AMERICANAIDD,

am y fl. 1858. Ni buom erioed eto yn teimlo cymaint o bryder yn nghylch gweithrediadau y flwyddyn ddyfodol ag ydym yleni, a hyny o herwydd fod y dyryswch arianol wedi effeithio cymaint ar yr holl wlad, a chynifer o'n derbynwyr yn dyoddef, fel mae yn debygol, oddiwrth y caledi a'r dyryswch hwn.

Nis gwyddom pa beth yn briodol i'w ddweyd. Ond buasai yn dda genym allu llwyddo i berswadio pob un sydd yn ei dderbyn yn awr i beidio ei roi i fyny y flwyddyn nesaf eto. Y mae gobaith y daw gwellhad ar bethau cyn bo hir, ac y mae graddau o wellhad yn bod eisoes ar ryw ystyriaethau ac mewn manau,—ac yr ydym ninau yn addaw aros wrth ein derbynwyr am y taliadau am 1858 hyd ryw bryd yn nghorff y flwyddyn ag y byddo yn gyfleus iddynt. Gobeithiwn y gwneir ymdrech i dalu yn fuan yr hyn sydd ddyledus am 1857, am ein bod mewn gwir angen.

Byddwn ddiolchgar iawn i chwi, anwyl gyfaill, am eich cymhorth a'ch cydweithrediad mewn ymdrechiadau i gadw rhestr y derbynwyr presenol heb leihau. Hefyd, gan y dichon i rai mewn manau dynu yn ol, gwnewch ymdrech, os gellir, i gael rhai derbynwyr newyddion. Ni chaiff dim fod yn ol o'n tu ninau, i'w wneyd yn deilwng o dderbyniad a chymeradwyaeth ein cenedl. Parheir i'w gyhoeddi yn yr un plygiad, a'r un pris ag yn bresenol, sef $1,50 y flwyddyn, a pharhawn i ymdrechu ei lanw â phethau da. Ydym yr eiddoch yn serchus yn ngwasanaeth ein cenedl,

ROBERT EVERETT.

Do you hear any better Jimmee
hope you will hear from the
Dr and he will give you some
help I hope Ama will be
careful if she uses the oil
of smoke, not to put much of
it on her tooth as it will rot
the teeth am glad you rec
the 10 dollars how often will
you get your pay for teaching
hope you will not let it run
as you did in Ohio it will
better to ask for it if they do
not pay, did you ever get
your Money from Hudson
or hear any thing from
there afterwards
it is just the last of the month
and they are all very busy
hope some one will write
when the hurry is over till then
this must suffice from Mother

much love from each of us

1850s

Miss Jane Everett
Galesburgh
Knox Co
Ill.

Remsen N Y
Nov 30

Reunion March 29 1850

My Dear Daughter

Your letter of the 13 of March is before me I have been waiting and wishing some one would write to you but every one seems to be so busy and you put one day after another not however without speaking of you often but the thing is you can not hear us, unless we write to you the first thing I want to answer your question about seeking a situation to teach next year Your father and I think you had better continue there in school another year and we will help you, you may refund it if we find it nessesary to assist educating the other children, you have not spent all of your own money, there is some yet on your father book, do you think you can graduate in another year, how much more will Mary need to learn before she will be prepaired to go there. — but why do you say that you think you are not much better prepaired now to teach than you were when you first came there, dont you feel that you have had an opportunity of ~~teach~~ training which you now think will be usefull to you if your life is spared, in aftime ~~to~~ come. We shall expect you home in the fall vacation. we are very anxious to hear from you as there has been much sickness in schools, in Clinton, Sasquoit New Hartford

Whitesboro &c let us know how the teachers are how your health is &c, will you want money to buy something to make up next vacation Sarah's health is a little better she sat up half an hour to day but was very much tired and her back throbbed a good deal after it She is pretty cheerful generally, continues to take, Dr fitch's medicines he spoke quite encouraging last we heard from him, I want to write to him soon again,
the rest of us enjoy pretty good health Our quarterly Meeting was last week Which was one reason we have not written to you sooner, it was held on thursday and friday we had beautiful ~~wea~~ weather and the walking was good on the crust we had no strangers but neibouring ministers, it was quite a good meetting quite full in the afternoon and evening. We are very late with the Cenhadwr this ~~month~~, there are three letters from wales in it, and they ~~had~~ so many communisations that there was not room for news without printing extra as you will see when you receive the Cen- next week, Robert came home last saturday night returned monday he intends staying in Utica the coming summer he is doing pretty well
Our friends here have bought your a young horse 6 year old quite a nice ~~one~~ it will be a great comfort as it will not take him so long to go where he wants Cost 100 dollars

William Roberts has started to the old country this
week ona visit I sent eddy's likeness to his Aut
Jane and mine and fathers, Robert's for uncle Nath
Johns for Uncle Lewis and Mary's for cousen Rachael
Louisa Roberts if they will go safe to hand
Our district have voted to have school for four
months a year they have kept school 3 months
in the winter 2 of which was this year and
they will only have 2 months in the summer
the trustees have sent to Mary to come and
teach for 2 dollars a week but I rather think
she will decide to attent school at the
seminary and board with Elizabeth
I am afraid we will not have a school
in the summer, that they will commene
their winter school a little sooner and
make it up so. You will see some death in the
cenhadwr next time that perhaps you knew L Jones
Wife in Utica by the Meetinghouse who had
been long sick, died quite unexpectedly in her
chair,; Dr Morrice's daughter Catharine 19
years old, with only a little more than a
week's sickness inflamation of the brain
she was taken at her sisters in Ninety six
took cold in going there. —
I must close tomorrow is saturday and I
want you to have this as soon as possible
I hope you will write as soon as you
can we are all very anxious if we are
long without a letter your Brothers
and sisters join with your Father and
mother in love to you

Elizabeth Everett

Dear Jane — You perceive your Ma wrote this on Friday — it was in the
evening and she intended to send it off Saturday, but somehow failed to do so —
It is now Monday, April 1: — We have lately posted our books, and

have now the acct of each of the children by itself in a little
Ledger — the balance due to Jane now is $59.30 — towards settling
on Ben's formerly we had set $150 — so including the [illegible] and school
money left with me and for helping your ma your column adds up
to 228.80 — and the receipts at Whitesboro & Holyoke 169.50 wh
brings the balance as above: — I thought I would mention this that
you may not think that you had got through all your money. — We think
as Mother has said that you had better hold on there another year — Please
write soon — From your affte father R.E. —

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REMSEN APR 1 N.Y.

Miss Jane Everett
Mt Holyoke Seminary
South Hadley
Mass.

Paid 5cts.

Jan 13 1853

My Dear Daughter

Mr Kellogg and three of his children Mary Julia and Henry came here last evening they are going to Remson and will carry this I am short and not write but a little I was glad to get your short letter on tuesday and learn what you are doing hope you will succeed and feel pleased write soon again and let us know if that teacher has returned and what you are doing Sarah is gaining and is pretty well now and much pleased with her visit promised to visit Mr K. in the spring

Thursday afternoon

Dearest [illegible],

Mother was unable to [illegible] this [illegible] morning [illegible]

I [illegible] will [illegible] the [illegible] she [illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible] indeed, with the [illegible]

I think, and [illegible] write a little and [illegible] doubt

[illegible] and I have but a few [illegible]

[illegible] father [illegible]

[illegible] meeting though the [illegible]

[illegible] had at least attained a

We [illegible] glad to [illegible] that [illegible] uncertain how long you

[illegible] though it is [illegible] uncertain how long you

may continue in that school. We are glad too that it is not

in the primary department, [illegible] you will like it better.

How [illegible] you pleased, and [illegible] succeed? I hope indeed

my dear sister that [illegible] field of usefulness may [illegible]

in which your soul may take delight.

Sarah says she wishes you would satisfy her curiosity by

telling what you want this hair for, which she sends, a

[illegible] bunch of it. She would write now if it were not

so late and she is quite tired, besides having [illegible] uncomfortable

degree of toothache. We had a very pleasant visit from

Mr. K. & family. We are glad to hear that Robert is

doing so well. Write again soon and tell us how you

get along about boarding &c. I must close it is so

dark I could not see the lines if I had one. Hope

you can decipher this. My health is pretty good, my head

aches almost none at all. I try to be cheerful but

do not make out to "laugh" much. Write again soon

Good bye with love

Mary.

Thursday Morn[g]

Boston, Aug. 13 '7

My Dear Children

We came on to Boston without stopping and got here comfortably against 1 o'clock this morning — I got a few hours rest, and feel quite refreshed this morning — to start for the last 100 miles (or about that) at 7½ this morn) — Love to you all. — Please inform Mr J. W. Roberts that there will be no communion next Sabbath

Mr Eliot Owen of Utica is coming
to Steuben

Your Pa & Ma.

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Miss Jinnie Everett
Remsen
Oneida Co
N. Y.

She has had an application from Mr. Heffman as perhaps she has writte to you. O, I do hope she will come.

Jane has just been up stairs to ask me if I did would go with Lewis and her to see Jane James or rather Mr. and Mrs Hughes. and as they want to start very soon I will leave this and go and get ready.

Dear Cynthia

Have just received your letter June 1 we got two short letters from Mary I was very unhappy before I receive the last as I was fearing she might be coming alone and sick, but I was re lieved by the last one as she said she would stay perhaps two weeks how is your back I fear you all three over did your strength in cleaning house you must take

care of yourself as your
education will not do you
much good if your health
fails your ambition goes
beyond your strength
you know you were afraid
to tell me when you
felt bad after doing a
little more than usual;
and if you will not tell
your Dear sister she will.
not know it, and you may
run down, Your Mother
talks plain but it my feelings
had a letter from Jamie this we
last Sunday they had another
great storm the rain and storm
were terrible it commenced about
five oclock and lasted about an hour
commenced after sundown again
and rained awfully must close
much love to the Bane Elizabeth
the Children and yourself
your Mother

Jennie 1

Remsen June 4./58.

My dear Cynthia,

I thought I would write a few lines to send in Jane's letter to you, although I am not quite in a writing mood this afternoon. I believe you have not had a letter from me in some time, have you? it seems to me so, at least.

I suppose Mary has written to you before this from Saratoga. We have had two letters from her this week. In the last she ~~said~~ said she was feeling better and thought she would stay a few days longer and perhaps two weeks. O, I do hope it will do her good. Dr Sloan is, I should

think, as kind as ever. — Wed. evening we received Elizabeth's letter to Mary. We opened it and were glad to find that you were contented and happy after Mary left you. The next morning I wrote to Mary enclosing E.'s letter.

We received a letter from father last evening. He was quite well and seems to enjoy himself very much. He is still in Ohio but will very soon leave for Wis. I believe he intends to be in Racine on the 12th. You might write to him, Sis, and send your letter there to the care of Rev. E. G. and I should think he must get it; for he will probably be in that state about two weeks.

I had a very short letter from Jennie this week; they were well. She says, "The powers that be - have decided my fate at last. I am *not* to return another year. What do you think of my going to Whitestown?

Wednesday morn.

Dear Cynthia Sarah gives me one page to write on which will as much as I can do now your last letter was written the same day as the one I sent to you I thought I would wait a few days till I heard from Mary before I wrote to you, her letter came the following Monday saying she was thinking about coming home, but had not Money enough, to pay for her board, she will pay 3 dollars 50 c a week Dr Strong does not charge her for treatment I sent her 15 dollars with what she had would be enough, and I thought she would be home last week and I would write to you after we saw her, I hope she will come this week she wrote that she had got the Money father wrote from your Uncle last Friday he was to preach at Chicago that evening and going next day to Big Rock against the Sabbath and back to Chicago monday and start with the girls towards Detroit he would have a meeting there last evening and is travelling home to day hope to be home tomorrow P.M.

much love to each and all of you from Mother

(Aunt Anna had the melodeon evidently with her at Galesburg f.c.s.)

[illegible], Feb. 6, 1850.

My dear Cynthia,

I believe it has been two weeks, at least, since I have written to you and it seems to me a long, long time. I assure you, Sis, you are not forgotten at home, although we are sometimes a long time without writing. O, we miss you much, and I am sometimes very lonely. but if we can not be together now I trust we ~~[illegible]~~ meet more than once a day and pray for each other and for all of our dear ones. I wish you could be with me tonight: it is almost too dark to write but just right to talk. I am

sitting on the front stoop to get the little light that I can. It is a beautiful evening, bright and still. I commenced this before supper but left it to help Eddie unpack and set up Anns Meladean. You may be sure it looks good to see that in the parlor again. We expect them home this ~~home~~ week ~~this~~ and we wanted to have it ready for them. I suppose we told you that Anna school about two weeks before it closed to go to meet father at Chicago and she sent the Meladean then. Sis, I hope you will be able to see the lines better than I do. I will leave this now and go to take the birds in.

Dear Sis, - I am ashamed of the looks of this by day light. I ment to have written ever so much in this to-day but Eddie is just starting to the Post office

and I must send it you. We are all pretty well. How did you spend the fourth? Pierce and Annie came here and I went with them to Henry P. James and had a nice visit in the afternoon and came to the village in the evening to see the fire works. They had very fine fire works and we had a pleasant time. I wish I had time to write more. Accept much love all of you and write soon to

Sarah.—

Ruth James inquired very kindly for you.—

Remsen Oct 13/ 1858

My Dear Cynthia

could you believe it if I tell you, that all my girls are from home Jennie and Sarah are gone to Saratoga Dr Strong was here about three months ago he thought he could help Jennie with her hearing, we thought to try Dr Terry and did for some time he thought if her general health was better and after she had rested she would be better told her to ride out and be out as much as she could her health was better but her hearing did not improve he recommended her to consult some Dr in Utica and call with him afterwards she did so

but they did not give her much
encouragement, we all thought
it was best for her to try Dr
Strong, and Sarah by his
advice went to stay two or
three weeks, we feel quite
anxious what he will say now
we will write you again
when we hear from them
your father went to Madison
County to attend a meeting
Anna went ^to ta^ him as far a Cana
to visit a young lady who
was her Music teacher at
Galesburg who had invited her
Anna may come home to=
morrow or will stay a few
days longer, Your father star
-ted monday Morning by the
Cars to Prospect to attend

Elin Thomas's funeral
she had been sick a long
time Consumpsion *
your three Sisters went
that afternoon and met
father at Prospect station
and would go from Utica
next Morn two East and
two west, Mary has beg
visiting about Graffenburg
for about a month I expect
her home this week
I think her health is bette
* you remember those orphan
Children who were with
William Griffiths Prespect
Ellen was the youngest of
the girls she had belonged
to the church in Prospect

above a year if not more
she was very Mild and
patient in her sickness
we trust She is happy now
Lewis and family are gon[illegible]
to Penmynydd this evenin[illegible]
will come back tomorro[illegible]
morning, Robbie talks more
every thing, Owen is ver[illegible]
large and heavy rather more
quiet than Robbie
I understood there was a letter
in the Post Office from N Hamto[illegible]
to John B Everett perhaps from
you, Please give my love to
Mr Butler and Elizabeth and
Children and Cynthia from
your Mother Elizabeth Everet[illegible]
what Money will you want to make
you comfortable for winter
let us know when you write

Ayerston

Renwen April 30 1870

My Dear Daughter

We [received] your letter Saturday evening, and very glad we were to get it thank you very much for giving such full account of yourself and of the school, we feel thankful that you are so pleasantly situated, and in a position that you can do good We have been very busy all this week with Carnhaduwr, otherwise I think your letter would have been answered sooner than this they cen went off yesterday Mon two days ago we sent your letter to Eddie it has not come back yet Eddie and Mate were well when they wrote last week got over their cold, busyness was good, We had a letter from Elizabeth last wednessday

I think that you will not mind [illegible] you can, will you?

[illegible] anxious for [illegible] to see father and

mama [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] expected.

[illegible] Hughes [illegible] his

friends [illegible]

[illegible] next week to

[illegible] to Utica to [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] going [illegible]

[illegible] into business [illegible]

[illegible] send him to

[illegible] perhaps.

[illegible] today that Dora

[illegible] his little Mary and

[illegible] Mate [illegible]

[illegible] hot [illegible] today—

[illegible] pleasant that it almost

[illegible] beds, but it may

[illegible] Ollie and I [illegible] a great

[illegible] last Tuesday I think

[illegible] today.

Dear Sis, [illegible] kindly left half of the sheet for me — I suppose we cannot send more today as we wish to mail you that from your Suffolk [illegible].

I cannot tell you, Sis, how much good your last letter did me — it was like sweet incense filling my heart many day with gladness and helping me on wonderfully during the last busy weeks on board. Sis, it takes me right back to my teaching days — and I sat down again with you at the tables of learning where I am sure you are daily feasting your soul — The things that you teach are all so inspiring — the Latin will trouble you most — but you will succeed I have no doubt and get good while doing good. Write again when you can about your classes and how you prosper in them. I shall be so glad to see you when you come and we quite easily count the weeks now. — Mary is coming before long for a little while — you were with her so

and from Hattie, they were all enjoying good health, Mr Buttler is bringing out his Commentary on the New Testament, they expect the first volume will be out in June, Eliz says it keeps them quite in the [illegible], reading the proof &c &c besides her other work, John was coming home for a fortnights vacation his health is good it agrees with him to study, Eliz enquires for you want to know if you are in Chatham, we will send them the may No of American Missionary for May so they can see the picture of your school and if we can send your letter there as you can not find time to write to us all, this other letter came some days ago, we opened it you will be glad to hear from Norfolk

Your Pa & Ma
R & E Everett.

Kenmore, Nov. 22, 1871.

Dear dear Sis,

It seems long since we have heard from you, or written to you as to that. We are very busy and we hope you are very happy — therefore the silence. But that we may grow anxious and uneasy I write these few lines as a suggestion that you do likewise.

Yesterday uncle Henry called here for a few minutes on business and it did us so much good to see him — he was looking well. — Today I had a letter from Ella. She seems to be enjoying her school very much — there will be no vacation of any length till after Christmas

- the new term has just begun but the other closed only the day before — ma proposes to finish this as I ought to be at work so I'll close with saying that tho' I've not written to uncle A I inclose his letter to you — I can answer it without having it before me.

Mother has gone somewhere and I'll write on till she returns, — Lewis has nearly finished printing the first side of the first form. Hugh F is going to have a jury to day again, to try to have that road shut up which is to go to the Park and Lewis has left the office to be there to see how things will turn out

when you come home will
you bring 3 pounds of tea
and a wick for the lamp
Sarah got there
Lyman was quite sick Saturday
and Sunday but was better the
last we heard
It is very unpleasant going around
now raining yesterday it took
off all the snow, to day it
is freezing hard very rough
going Anna and Sarah are
going to the village to the
Dentist and Eddie with
them, so we try to write
a little to send with them
we are anxious to hear from
you and to know how are and
how your Brother & Sister and
children are, we have been
busy or we would have
~~written~~ before

Hope you are pretty well
you must not visit too
hard, you get what things
you want from your brother
and we will pay for them
before long per-haps you
get some flannel there
that will be warm.

Mother and Jennie

[illegible]

May 1, 1857

Tuesday noon

Dear Jennie

We are sorry we did not send the patterns sooner, We are daily expecting to hear from you something about coming home, it seems you are not able to be very punctual in your attendance upon the Dr but I am glad you are careful not to get wett

We were at Mrs Jones's last Sabbath she is a good deal better than she has been and sends love to each of you, on E's family

Please to write soon home

Mother

[illegible] Sunday morning [illegible]

My dear [illegible]

I hope you do not [illegible] yourself on account of your sister's sickness, when after hearing from mother [illegible] you hesitated [illegible] whether it was best for you to come or not, and after you came here you were [illegible] not to leave her [illegible]. I [illegible] right for you to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] it [illegible] I am happy to tell you that she is much better [illegible] [illegible] might [illegible] [illegible] months or [illegible] [illegible] but I hope [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] to [illegible] I may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but no better [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

Remsen, May 14. 1852. —

Dear Jane — We received this on Monday eveng the day you left — It is so good, and so proper for you under the circumstances that I thought I would send it after you — The enclosed $5 is from bro. John's donation to you for coming to visit us — to help towards expences of your journey — We are all well and quite busy — We had a letter last eveng — Sarah is still getting better — sat up in her chair on Thursday to have her bed made — first time — was some tired — but she gets along quite good — mother will probably come home sometime next week Mrs Hannah Roberts died on Monday and was buried Wednesday —

her disease something like dropsy I think,
Mr Roberts preached the funeral sermon
Our letter copies to you both
write much — write soon
Your affectionate father

Canaan May 16/56

Sarah says I wish you would
to Robert & Mary and I will wash dishes
myself she often does it and many things
besides went to the village night before
last after supper, walked there and back
did some trading & was weighed in the
mill weighs 110, 6 lbs more than Anna
and 11 lb less than Sis, We got your
letter last evening, and were sorry you
were so anxious about us, we were busy
and some tired and meant to write
one day after another, Mr Damian Davis from
Graffenburg called here tuesday he said
Robert was getting better, we were glad
to see him and to know how you were
we did not know of any thing we could

send you perhaps you will come home soon if you have to go back again

you must need some summer clothes, we do not know what to do about them but it is not very warm yet, Have you money to come home Ask Dr Holland if he will wait for us till we can pay we are very low for Money now Father has been helping John, had a letter from him last night, their health is prethy good Sarah M as well as she ever expects to be and franky, John had one chill the day before having got a little wet, it was their rainy season, John says they had not been able to do much work for seven months they are now busy with their farm and had their house fixed comfortable Sarah M seems much delighted with the country

We would not wish to urge you to come home if you think it would be best

for you to stay longer, try not to be too anxious and fret as you know that would injure you and put you back, try to keep your mind calm if you come home you may go back if you think it best, we do not know what to say about your Dear Brother, hope he is getting better, Mr Thomas knows best when he may come home we feel much for you both We send you a dollar Pa has not got another now or we would send more

with much love to you both
from your Affectionate Mother
Elizabeth Everett

Wed Feb 3 1857

Dear Mary

We were very glad to get your letter last evening and to find you were better had felt quite anxious about you, We are busy sewing Carpet to day quite late, is it not— when you get it you will find the Death of Dave Roberts he died last friday and Edward Prise yesterday Our family are in usual health all busy,
the letter from Whitesboro came last eve— the other saturday one from Wm Kellogg last week they wanted Caroline, but only till May as they will break up housekeeping to go visiting then

She is at Sullens and did not wish to go for so short a time. Did not receive Mrs Hollands note and which to you it must have missed some how

Must close with love from each of us at home
Your Aff Mother
E Everett

Let us know something about Mrs Hollands plan for school send a circular

Dear Mary:

It seems to me that I should like the situation of which you speak. Please let me know all about it and if you please speak to Mrs. Holland about your unworthy sister. This term closes next week. I am tired of Remsen. I can write no more. Jennie.

Remsen Jan - 18 1858

Dear Mary

We were glad to get a letter from you day before last feel bad to find your health is not as good I am afraid the girls will have no time to write you. Cynthia is writing her composition, Lewis took some cold in singing on tuesday n- and not feeling well he went up to James wednesday eve, brought Jane with him here yesterday feeling much better they both went in the Cutter to Sixty last eve, Sarah Ama & Jonny went in the little Slay, there is quite a deep snow here, Ama is very busy with Ben - they are getting along quite well this month Father fell from the hay loft last Mon Attended Vestry that day and went to Bethel and fair-child to attend a funeral of a ~~gra~~ nc son of Jenkin Morris having hurt

his leg in the fall he took some cold in it but I hope it will not be very serrous is getting better, hopes to be able to attend meeting Sunday. Pa sends you ten dollars for your use they are starting to school

your Aff Mother

Dear Robert and Mary,
We intend to go up to Mr. Amos next Wednesday if it does not storm too hard. Can you come up to go with us as we spoke of. They are very anxious to see Mary and we think Robert too would enjoy the visit. Sis is waiting to start to school, so good bye. Sarah

Come Tuesday evening if you can.

New Hampton, N. H. Aug 19. 185[illegible]

Dear Daughter Mary

I am now in [illegible] study, a pleasant little room up stairs, writing these few lines to you. We left home on Wednesday morning a week from [illegible], got to Boston about midnight that day, and to New Hampton against 7 o'clock P. M. of Thursday - a little over 400 miles. We rested in Boston about 6 hours or a little more, and had to stay in Franklin N. H. about 4 hours for the Bristol ~~stage~~ cars - in Utica from 10 till 1. The rest of the time we were on the wing, flying on, with the exception of the last 5 miles we had to come in the stage. We have had three letters from home since we are here, and were very glad to hear that they had had one from Mary after we left, and that you were improving fast - Hope, dear girl, it will be so. Don't be too anxious about writing, though glad we are to hear from you. Indeed it is best not to be very anxious about any thing, but to be easy, calm, doing present duty, and trusting in the Lord. Under all circumstances, I suppose, this is best, and especially so is it best for sick ones. We have had a very pleasant visit with our son & daughter and our dear grandchildren - all very, very affectionate - doing their best to render the season a happy one for us. —

We have not been around much — We rested Friday and Saturday — Sunday attended meeting three times — Monday was raining all day — yesterday we went to visit the Seminary buildings, Library &c — I have been up twice on the Hill about 3/4 of a mile, from which point I could see the White Mountains, about 40 miles off — the highest peak is in sight, which is feet, or about a mile above the level of the sea. We have been ~~to visit~~ to see Col. Lewis's gardens, which are full of all kinds of fruit, very tastefully laid out. Today we are going to visit the wife of a missionary, who with her husband and children — 4 in number — lately returned from India, on acct of her health failing her. — Her husband is not at home. India becomes a place of much interest just now, on account of the insurrectionary troubles existing there, and some of the poor missionaries supposed to have been murdered by the cruel soldiery. —

I am writing daily some little for Cenhadwr since I have been here, and I want to have a small article on the troubles in India in our "Cenhadwr Americanaidd."

Your mother has taken some cold, with considerable pain in her limbs — but is getting better. Mr Butler and family

are all well - and join affectionately in love to you - They would have been glad to see you with us - they were disappointed in not seeing some one of the girls with us.

Their situation is very pleasant and healthy - the streets green and clean, and the village on an elevated spot among the New Hampshire hills - the water as soft as rain water - no lime stone to be had for it to come in contact with.

They have had a precious revival here lately, and several have been added to the church - Next Sabbath will be a Quarterly meeting here, and several ministers are expected to be present.

Our plan now is to leave on Friday morning at 7 and to go against the Sabbath to Fairhaven in Vermont, where there is a Welsh Settlement, and a Welsh minister. It is a slate quarry settlement where about a dozen of Cenhadwr are taken. We hope to reach home on Monday evening - We shall be coming through Saratoga but not with the expectation of staying there any, of course, as we shall be coming with the cars.

I must close with warmest love to you from your affte father and mother

Robert & Elizabeth Everett.

I do not know that I can [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] father and
mother, and [illegible] disappointed me more
than [illegible] you have come with
them. [illegible] often
think of [illegible] your health, and I do
hope that the means that you are using
will be blessed to your [illegible] even [illegible]
that you may have comfortable health
again. You have raised from a very
low state [illegible] hope and pray [illegible]
[illegible] Keeping up good courage
and a strong heart will do much
towards it. And I hope, dear sister,
that you will, as much as possible,
look on the bright side. Though I
know when your health is [illegible]
poor it is [illegible] difficult to do so.
[illegible] the bright side, and
[illegible] will do [illegible] good.

Hanover, Oct: 26 '17

Dear Mary,

I have taken my position once more to write you a letter! Dollie has come with this [illegible] nights [illegible] and brought no letter from you. We are hoping for one. We had good news of you from Utica last night through a letter from Ellen Duffield. We miss you very much. Jennie found your umbrella and parasol which you forgot in the depot a little way after you were seated in the cars and they were starting. She is very anxious to know whether you got them or not, because she forgot to mention it - was if Mr [illegible] got the bags all right in Utica.

Jennie has made up that cape [illegible] sent for baby and trimmed it with some maroon plaids [illegible] and put 2 buttons in front, and a little [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

side it looks nicely and he is delighted with it. He makes no fuss about the [illegible] bed, but [illegible] [illegible] says he is going to sleep [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] till next month. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the rest of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] very anxious. That [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the day you went away the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Sat. night and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] afraid you must go without a letter [illegible] [illegible] this time. Thurs. eve. [illegible], Sarah, Jennie [illegible] [illegible] Mary [illegible] and [illegible] over to see [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and had a [illegible] [illegible] good time, got home before [illegible]. Friday [illegible] and I went to the children's [illegible] and Jennie came [illegible] intending to go with me to the lecture, but as it was to be in the [illegible] we thought we wouldn't go. On the way home we stopped to see [illegible] [illegible]. It looks badly. [illegible] found Hugh trying to [illegible] [illegible] but not succeeding very well, probably owing

[illegible] thinking of some one else. They have nearly 2 pages [illegible] on the end from Will from Mon. We got the receipt for making [illegible] from [illegible] Smith yesterday [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] Laura and Hattie [illegible] yes. P.M. they said to see you [illegible] did not say they had any special cause so we concluded it was to return your visit there. They drove [illegible] Willie Henry has the mumps, has been a little sick, but not much. Mr. Phillips [illegible] up to prayer meeting [illegible] [illegible] rode down with Webra and [illegible] [illegible] was in the lodge which [illegible] as usual then took a recess till 7½ this eve.

We shall want to know all about your journey who you had for company [illegible] Phy who met you in N.Y. etc. etc.

I left Sarah folding and [illegible] away to write this. I must [illegible] to help her again. Pa is pretty well and [illegible] well as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] kind love to [illegible]

for Bosten

as Cynthia has left I will write some
on thursday eve when they were
gone to see Hanah we wrote to
John father wrote 2 pages, Mother
nearly two and Annie 4, it was
very quiet around the place
after the children were gone to
bed, We shall feel quite anxious
untill we hear from you
did you get to Cousin Thomas's
and had you much trouble
how did you feel after riding
all night how is your head
how did you spend your
first Sabbath, We saw in
the paper that the ship
china was in Halifax thursday
morn expected to be in Bosten
that day we have had no letter
to say that ~~he~~ Mr Butler has arrived
hope we shall hear from
you Monday with love
from Mother & all
at home

the ship was in halifax wed P.M. saild imedatly

Frank and John Eddie have got the ikh have had it some time to day I have put some sulfer in a bottle and put some Arnole on in it, put some of that in water to wash with it can you recomend something better

your Mother
Eliz - Everett

Dear Mary — I thought of writing to you a great many times before; but we were so busy with the Contractor and Ofiant that I did not have any time to do it, or else I would have done it long before. Henry and your Mother reached home about half past Nine O'Clock Tuesday Night. Gwen Prichard wanted them to come home very much that Day. The Old Mare drew, and I drove up to Glyn, Wednesday Morning. She sent Sarah Four pumpkins. And told me to tell John, after she got home, that he was welcome to the Pumpkin Pie. She told me to tell Sarah, to get well as soon as she could, and hurry to come up there as soon as she could. That She would fix up the New House like a Palace for her. They had just got through painting it that Day. Old Mr. Prichard, Gwen's Father was the Painter. It is painted Red outside and the corners and Cornice White. The Roof is unpainted. Lewis & Margaret have moved to Humphrey Pratt's New House by Mary, Catharine & Laura Thomas's. Sarah About the same. Dr. Guitean was here last Tuesday. He said, that he did not expect her to recover soon, seeing that she couldn't bear strong Medicine. We received your Letter before last night. Henry found a letter for him the Night he came home, from Jane. It came on Monday Evening. [illegible] William J. Lewis's wife that lives in the Stone house below the Farm died last Saturday and was buried last Monday in Prospect Village burying Ground. Mr. Ray, the Post Master in Remsen, acted very mean to your Father. He sent a letter to the Post-Master-General wanting a leave to charge postage for the Magazines. He told him, that he did not want change such Postage. This makes your Fathers postage 8 or 10 dollars more every year. Henry, Cynthia & Jane say that little John Henry is no larger than from their elbow joints to the end of their fingers! There is a Mill in the Village that goes by steam and grinds one ear at a time. Henry got some corn ground there last Saturday. It grinds nothing but corn.

… ing our … visit us last … We are very anxious to know if there is no hope of Sister Elizabeth's being able to pay a visit this vacation and bring up her treasure to see his … aunt. Oh, I do hope she will be able … , it will do me so much good; tell her that the last time she was … her visit did me more good than all the medicine I could take in a month. … there will be … inducement. My health seems to be improving slowly, but I do hope surely. Dr. speaks quite encouraging as to my getting well, but he says it will take a long time and I must not expect to improve but slowly; which of course, I ought not to, seeing I have been sick so long … I almost wish I had gone to … , but for … it is best that it should be as it is. Oh, dear … , I wish … were at my side at this moment! But … … , we must not complain, we have many sweet blessings around us. I hope I shall soon be able to take … place in our weekly arrangement which I have not yet been able to do on account of my head which troubles me a good deal; indeed I have not been able to read or … but a very little since your letter. But I must close … getting very tired, although I have not said half I intended to. Love to all. From your affectionate Sister

…

Dr. Ma Attended Church meeting this Afternoon Martha and Sarah Morris and your sister Anna were taken to church, we had a pretty full meeting considering the roads were so bad, Have you had the butter sent to Robert to be forwarded and did it come without cracking the jar I had requested … to ask Robert to take it there himself and … in the

Miss Lyon's Life and Death is to be in the next Number. I [illegible] it. We get along ~~[illegible]~~ with the [illegible] pretty well. We have got the Barn fixed lately. ~~At~~ Lewis went to get some Apples last Wednesday. Eddy with him and went down to the Village with ~~him~~ him and came home about about 8 o'clock in the Evening and forgot to fetch home his coat. He said that he liked the ride first-rate. He says that you have got his Pin-Cushion and wants you to send it up as soon as you can. There is a Singing School in the Village every Thursday Night, Henry and John go. That little Calf of ours went an stayed at Mary H. Jones's about two weeks. I went an ~~got him~~ fetched him home last ~~so~~ Saturday. Lewis started to Utica ~~this~~ Yesterday Morning to get some Paper from New York with the double Horse Wagon. We hope he will be home before this letter goes off. So good bye and excuse my hand-writing if you please

Edward J. Roberts

I am just going to bed, and wish I could bid you good night, pleas ~~acc~~ accept my love.

Cynthia.

Saturday Afternoon

Dear Sister Mary,

We were very very glad to receive your ~~last~~ last letter and hear that Elizabeth and her dear babe were doing so well. We had all, and mother especially, become very anxious to hear how you were. We would like to know whether Mr. Butler intends visiting Mass. this vacation; if he does pleas write immediately and let us know as mother wishes to prepare a few things to send ~~her~~ by him to her. I received a long full letter from her last night. I need not tell you how very glad we were to get it, and to hear that she had changed her work for one much lighter. The tone of her letter seemed to be of rather a homesick nature. Poor Fanny! it will be a long long time before she will again be with us but time is on the

expriss but I hope you [illegible] had it safe
father returned from New York on thursday
reached home about 10 having been away
since friday Afternoon his journey was
a hasty one having no time to call
at Whitesboro in going nor coming how is
your health am sorry you have had so
much toothache, write soon and tell us
know how you are & if some or all of you are
coming here this vacation we will send if you wil send us word to do so but
with love to each and all of you from your Affectionate
Mother C Everett

Miss Mary Everett
Care of Rev J J Butler
Whitesboro
Oneida Co
N. Y.

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Remsen . Aug 19 1858

My dear Husband

We should like to know how you are and how you get along with travelling, this week is wetter here than last. it was pleasant yesterday, rained in the night and in this morning. Did you see an account in the papers of the great storm last thursday we got a letter last evening from Jennie describing the terrific strom in Galesburg she writes on friday Lewis has translated for Cenhadwr we will send you a form when it out or will copy it if we have time after meeting this afternoon I wrote to Elizabeth yesterday there has no letter for cenhadwr come but one from Welsh Prairie to alter the place of Mr Roberts Cen, and to say that Thomas Owens had gone away they did not know where and left in debt and not paid for Cen

Aunt wishes me to tell you that she is about the same as when you were here she does not give much trouble and now thinks you will come back, We are well as usual, and they are going on in the office as usual, I will try to write to Jamie to day, — Dear Father, — As Mother has left this and has gone to put Rabbie to sleep. I thought I would write a few words, although I have nothing particular to say. We are getting along about as usual in our department only it seems very lonely without you and I believe they ~~got~~ are doing well out doors and in the office. Hugh has put up quite a neat fence at the north end of the garden, and it makes it look much better.

It is clearing off quite bright so we shall have a pleasant afternoon for the meeting after all.

Mother thinks I had better not

take trouble to copy from the letter but we will send it to you as it is. If you have read of the storm in the papers you will be glad to see a letter from them and to know they were preserved from injury though danger was so near. When you write tell us about your journey and how you like the country.

Ellen wants me to give her best respects to you. Good bye, accept love from us all. — Sarah.

Mother

Remsen [illegible] ny May 25/58

My Dear Husband

Last evening we received your letter from Cuyahoga falls were very glad you were comfortable you must be very anxious about the girls, hope you have received our letter with Jennie letter enclosed we were very thankful to get it and to find they had not got injured and that no lives were lost there David Hughes was here last Sabbath quite a good congregation in the morning and Jane says it was so in [illegible] it was quite wet in the evening he preached here, the boys and [illegible] went Ellen has been quite sick she kept her bed mostly for three days it was a billious turn she has been subject to them before, she is better now and is helping with the work

[illegible] an invitation from Brother David and Mary Ann to visit them along with you but I hope we have concluded [illegible] as we have [illegible] we had a letter from Mary she is better [illegible] thought [illegible] coming home [illegible]

Sarah is pretty well and so are the rest of us, Aunty seems some better I do not know how long she may be so she wants me to tell you that she goes in and out as usual.

We are going on with the Cenhadwr as well as we can. Davies will nearly finish working the 3rd form to day. Ed ~~[illegible]~~ will have about half the last form by noon to day. I find but little time to work in the Office. We have received a few communications, ~~[illegible]~~ also a private letter from E. Griffiths, Oshkosh, which we enclose. We planted what we had of potatoes last Saturday. — S. E.

Little Robbie has burned his foot some he put his foot in the pail and hay tea and burned the top of his foot I hope it will get along as he does not fret much about it, we have a plaster on it, and he plays around just the same as if nothing was the matter. it was burned yesterday, We had a good meeting on Thursday, a good many there

we all join in love your Aff Wife

E Everett

Remsen May 27/1858

My Dear Husband

We received your letter from Cuyahoga Falls last we and the one from Cincinnati this evening thank you for your promptness we were very glad to get them and to learn were comfortable and happy may our thanks and gratitude meet before the Lord and may ever be faithful to do what we can, we are getting along here they expect to Mail Cinhatever they expect to Mail some of it if not all on Saturday some of it if not all Ellen has got well, Sarah and her Eddie George and Hugh are gone to Society, Lewis staid home to make up the last form, it has been very wet here this week and is yet very muddy I suppose they

will find it hard to pick their way home, in my afternoon given Griffiths is here this afternoon on a visit I will take a little time to finish this. Lewis is busy marking the papers Eddie and George folding and will gather some, we may send 100 or so today the girls say they had a good meeting last eve. Aunty has been rather fretful when the weather was wet but is better now, it is very pleasant today I forgot to tell you in my last that George did write an answer to the letter I sent from Lynsdale. I found after you went that I did not put your silk pocket kerchief in your satchel, would you like to have me send it in a paper to Chicago I wrote yesterday to my Brother to thank them for inviting us there I did not know when you could visit them Sarah wrote to Mary we had a letter from James she had received a letter from Mr Heffron giving her an offer of teaching at ___ she had written back wishing a few days to think it over I should think by her letter that it was not decided for her to stay there

Remsen June 1 1855

My Dear Husband

We received your letter from Columbus on saturday evening and one from Elizabeth and Cynthia the same time Mary is better and meant to start alone the beginning of this week, hope she may come comfortable I had written to ask if she had not better have [illegible] come with her Elizabeth thinks she will have no difficulty to come alone Received yours from ~~[illegible]~~ Columbus on friday eve, I had mailed one to you that eve directed care of Mr Lynhyn we are very glad to get your letters giving us a little account of your whereabouts we can fancy and follow you a little do you get up early every day I see you date your letter at about 5 a m the Money came safe I was glad to get it as we have not received but little since you went, the Cenhadwr started yesterday, some few to day, were distributed in the village on saturday and Prosser

they were early enough to go
with the cars yesterday and hope to
be this morn. Thomas Jones
was here last Sabbath and pen Mynydd
here in the evening a pleasant Sabbath
T. D. Rees Richville was at P.S. with Mr Jones
and pretty good congregation & will be here next sabbath.
Sister wishes to send her love to
you and to say she is well and
has not tried to run away at all
the ~~rest~~ rest of us are well Robbie's
foot is getting better
Byd y cytillion yn holi am
danoch ac am eich helynt
must close and send this off
much love from each of us
your Affectionate Wife
Elizabeth Everett

Remsen June 3 1853

My Dear Husband

I hope you have received the letters which I have sent I meant to have written this yesterday but waited to see if we should hear from you we got a letter from Jennie in which she says she is not to teach there next year, I hope she will come to Whitesboro We also had a letter from Mary on Monday saying she had started on thursday and staid at Whiteriver Junction the first night the cars not going further was very tired but felt pretty well the next morning and came that day as far as Saratoga she understood that she could not reach Utica untill after midnight was quite tired and thought it not best to get to Utica in the night, and she went to the Franklin House where Dr Strong is boarding and his patients he was very kind and said if the house was his own she might stay there a week or more without charge but as it is she will not have to pay but half the common charges which is

Dollar a day. we received
another letter from her last we
she was better and thought she
would stay a few days longer, two
weeks if it would be advisable she
has been feeling bad for some time
her stomach has troubled her
Sarah wrote to her this morning
I hope it will do her good to stay
there, we are well at home; Sister
gets very tired standing so much she
comes in often to sit down and rest
her it has been very hot for three
days and it is bad to be out so much
they are making the most of this pleasant weather they will
finish sowing and planting to day
have been sowing barley peas &c —
Uncle Henry has just come, and Ma
left this to go out to meet him
requesting me to finish it. We have
not had a letter from John since
you left. Heard from Elizabeth last
evening: they were well. — Jane sends
her love to you and so do I, and I guess

they all would if they were here. — I do not think now of any particular news that would interest you. The Union prayer meeting is to be held next Wednesday evening in our church.

It is lonely at home without you, dear father, but I trust we often meet at the same throne of Grace. O, may we often meet there until we meet in Heaven. Hoping to hear from you tonight, I bid you good bye.

Your aff. daughter Sarah.

Remsen June 11 1857

My Dear Husband

Last night we received your
letter from Delaware including [illegible]
=nacl of [illegible] I wrote two letters to Dela
=ware Delaware 6[?] hope you have received
them got a letter from John last evening
he says he wrote to you by the same mail
and sent it as you directed hope you have had
it as soon as I had mine
Edward wished me to tell you that he gets
up early and has nearly got the first
form up, hopes to get the Cenhadwr
out early this month Lewis and Jane have
gone up to Pengmynydd last evening and the
children, he has to go to Morris Morris's
the town Clerk I do not know if they
will come home to night or not
if he does we will have to read proof
had a letter from Mary from Saratoga
she said she was better but did not
feel well and did not know when
it would be best for her to come
home, poor Girl I feel sorry for her
had a letter from Sis this week she
says for the first time in many
weeks I am very homesick, I do not
know but as she does not go with

the family but she had better come home what would you think I am afraid she will be very homsick after vacation is over and during vacation Jane and Sarah have been making Eddie a vest and pants and Elliot and I have made him pants Eliz Pritchard has made Aunt a calico dress and is making Sarah one Hugh and Eddie have fixed the lane it is very muddy now but it will be Much better by time you come home, we have very wet weather raining every other day and somtimes every day, the wheat oats corn potatoes beans peas pumpkins and garden things are through. Mrs William Roberts was here this week she told me to tell you to make haste home, Thomas W. Roberts was here I think it was tuesday he had not had that letter I thought it might be sent to his Brother Davids he was going to preach at Norriges Corners next Sabbath

Ellin wants me to ask you if you
have wore all the shirts she irond
and if you will send them home
she will do them up again
Aunt says Ipswich quite [illegible]
Walter Jame French Road s Wife died
she was buried on Wednessday Eliza
was ther it was a very solemn
funeral, left 7 children all grown
up, We are all well as a family
and unite in love to you

Your Affectionate Wife

Elizabeth Everett

Whitestown Tuesday morning

My Dear Husband

your last letter was somewhat in coming after you wrote it I had it saturday morning, was very glad to find you reached home before it was very late I hope Sarah will be encouraged as the Doctor speaks so favorable and that she will endeavour to follow his perscriptions
I want to come home I think Elizabeth may do with Mary now her health is improving the baby is well and coming on well
Mr Butler was taken with chills friday night he shook as with the ague, he was quite poorly saturday and Sunday did not go out sunday yesterday was able to go to recitation he is pretty well to day
Elizabeth wants to tell Sarah that they have had a new cradle and the ~~quilt is just~~ the thing I fear to be too late for the mail

your Aff Wife
Elizabeth Everett

Rev R Everett
Remson
O County
New York

My dear [illegible]

[illegible] Tuesday afternoon

I have some of [illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] morning when
I [illegible] to sleep [illegible] and
then I'm [illegible] [illegible] let you know
[illegible] [illegible] the getting up
early which [illegible] I hope you have been
[illegible] [illegible] than [illegible]
[illegible]
is going to [illegible]
[illegible]
when she [illegible] she [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Letter [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] to the last of

[illegible] you know [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

She [illegible] agreeable if she [illegible]

[illegible] morning

[illegible] let you know [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] all the family

[illegible] affectionately

C[illegible]

[illegible] might

[illegible]

Mary Thomas [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Remsen, Monday - 23 June —

Dear Robert,— Sarah called at Mr Roberts about your coat &c he said he would make them as he mentioned to you, would it not be best for you to come home that you may see if they will fitt and suit you? Sarah has had toothache for some days it swelled and broke yesterday is pretty easy to day - but she feels pretty weak, to think of starting a journey this week our strawberries are beginning to come they brought over half a dozen on Saturday from the pasture ground we would all be very glad to see you Cousin William Jones is here working at the lines. Your uncle Henry was up on Saturday - called to see us, and said about the horse that we should have a word from him or Thomas Lewis before sending it down— —

Tommy takes good care of it. We take it out some — not much — Uncle thought it best to take it out some. All pretty well this morning — except Sarah's swollen face — and some toothache still.

What would you think to delay going to Saratoga till next week, and come home in the mean time — Would it be much of a disappointment to you? If so, let us know.

Your affte father and mother
C. & C. Everett.

Remsen July 11/58

Dear Robert & Mary

Your letter to Sarah we received yesterday, Cousin King and her have gone out towards Fullers and Jones[?] and others in that direction to collect for the plank walk, day before yesterday they were in the village, Father is very busy with preparing copy as he is going to [struck through] again next Sabbath, so in my poor way I have to do the writing, We had a letter from Jane she was quite well her school was to close on Tuesday and then she was going to be at commencement in the college and then going to visit Mr Williams Palmeras family

and spend the Sabbath
with them, go back to
Hudson and start home
so we expect she will be
home early next week
Father would be glad if
you both would come to Utica
early Monday, that you
might be home and rested
a little when Jane comes.
Robert and father might
ride in the buggy and
Mary come in the Cars.
try to come early and that
would save him to come
there. Try both to come without fail
on Monday morning. We feel anxious
for you to do so, as I must return
Monday. Father will meet you at
Robert's rooms

Yours with love

Father & Mother.

This was received last evening — we wrote a family letter this morning from John Pa, Anna & Sis.

[illegible] May 11 18[illegible]

My dear [illegible]

It is nearly four weeks since I left home and I have not had any [illegible] letter from home since; what has been the cause of this delay? are you all sick? [illegible] it [illegible] I [illegible] if you are all well [illegible] of the village [illegible] know [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] day while we were [illegible] her bed for the first time she [illegible] pretty well but very [illegible] she was much [illegible] to see the [illegible] by the [illegible] and [illegible] pretty much all last night and this morning [illegible]

[illegible]

night and Bertha [illegible] her first [illegible]
to go home [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
week we all felt bad to have him
go without being better
[illegible] [illegible] letter from you [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to tell her how you have
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] with your [illegible]
[illegible] all [illegible] [illegible] and how
many [illegible] [illegible] planted potatoes
[illegible] [illegible] have you [illegible]
in the orchard or something else
last but not least [illegible] you [illegible]
working out and how much of your
with you is your health finally
and she want you to plant your
[illegible] and pumpkins [illegible] [illegible]
she come home to help you with
how them as she [illegible] [illegible] not
fault [illegible] [illegible] Do you not
think by her scolding me that she
is better by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
we should [illegible] letter from [illegible]
[illegible] and Elizabeth [illegible] [illegible] at
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not get a letter
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Remser Mar 22/1856

Dear Rob, and Mary

It is now more than a week since you wrote the last letter that we received from you it seems a long time and we are very anxious it seemed then as you ment to write soon again, We are much afraid you are not so well or we should have heard, We are all pretty well at home,, Father went to Ben Myers yesterday he had not been able to go there to the society for some weeks before, Sarah went as far Mrs Mary Evans and spent the afternoon there went in the evening to a prayer meeting at John Perry Sixty came home with Pa from there, feels smart to day,

Anna and Sarah had been at Sixty in singing school the evening before we are afraid it will be bad traveling when our snow melts

Tis is at Penmyny's at Owen Williams's she
went up with Jane and Lewis to stay a few
days, Letitia went back to Whitehaven, Thursday
she only staid here two nights she is quite
poorly but did not wish to stay here as she
had told her father that she would come
back this week, she intends to spend the
vacation in her room and bard in the hall
I am sorry they have determined to do so as I am
afraid it will not be best for her
having an opportunity to send this
I close from Mother

Remsen April 2 18[illegible]

Dear Robert & Mary

I feel as if I could
not be long without hearing from
you; consequently I must write
if it be only a few lines.
Jane is yet at Remsen she will
not come home untill after
singing school on Saturday evening,
evening, singing school in Capel
Uchaf was quite large last eve.
they all went from here on the
crust. Sarah and Cynthia
have gone to Edward Humphreys
Rob Thomas's old house went
to see his girls, it is a very
pleasant day
Father has been writing a

letter to California to Brother
J T Roberts this Morning
I wrote a little to Jane yesterday
tell us how you are when you
write and let that be soon.
we are are all well and
send much love your

Affte Mother;

E. Everett.

Remsen May 23 1856

Dear Robert and Mary

Anna and Cynthia have gone with Father to prayer Meeting at Griffith's Griffeths Lewis and Jane in the orchard weeding strawberries Cousin Elizabeth is with us this week she and Sarah have been in the village to get the girls Bonnets which were at Mrs E Owens to be trimed they look quite pretty, they went beyond the village near Prospect for potatoes to plant, they were some tired when they got home, it has been very warm to day they have been planting Potatoes to day, We feel anxious to hear from you was Robert worse after writing that long letter how is Mary's health Cynthia sent a copy of Robert's [illegible] John I hope Robert will not tax his mind untill he gets well to write much We had a letter from John yesterday dated May 9th they were well then

shall we not have a letter from you soon

[illegible] last evening Eddy brought your letter

we were very glad to get it, hope you will both feel

better after the crisis is over We do not have money coming

much at this time, not so fast as we expend hope

we can make both ends meet we hope Dr Holland

will be as patient as Dr Strong We are pretty well

at home I am rather feeble, but get along and

help a little I wrote a letter to Jane yesterday, it is

some time since we heard from her

Father is going to Hayes again it tomorrow Mr Thos

will be here, our church Meeting is to day

it is beatiful weather now, [illegible]

much love from all of us to you both

your Mother

Mrs Everett

1856

Remsen Dec 18 1871

My Dear Daughter

It is now two weeks since you and I last parted and have not heard any thing from each other since at least we have not heard from you, this is too bad we feel very uneasy, lest the Doctor trying some experiment or that you have been disturbed by Mrs Burchard or something else might cause you to be a great deal worse, I have some time been very busy and sometim I have delayed writing until the evening after they would be in bed but they do not feel like going to bed as early as they used to do

your father has not been very well he has a cold ~~and~~ feels the cold very much when he goes out, he attends three or four meetings a week besides the sabbath so you see he is not laid up but I hope will soon be better we attended meeting to day society but it was so stormy that there was only one person besides your father and Mother and Aunt it is very cold here and there is a good deal of snow, how do you make out to

keep warm do you have a very warm fire do you have a blankit around you in the night how do you make out about sitting up does it tire you less to have your bed made I feel very anxious to hear from you, I did not have money to buy you a dress in Utica, and I will wait till I hear from you before I buy one have you heard from the girls since I saw you we have not I wrote to them three days ago Robert was here saturday went back monday he was well only he had toothacke, Cousin William Jones come up in the stage last night and staid at Lewis s came with him here this morning will stay over the sabbath unless Robert gets busy and writes for him, he saw Mr Buttler they are pretty well but perhaps you have heard from them. Sis is there waiting for an opportunaty to come home, We feel very lonesome indeed to be so long without hearing from the children I hope you will write soon and let us

know particularly how you are
John F Jones is quite sick not likely to
live long, Dr Morrice's daughter Mary
Luther is married to Peter Jones is very
sick they are affraid it is consumption
his son Robert who has been sick
some time died last week
Hugh Abrams and Jane are up this way
on a visit, Evan Davies and Ellin have
gone off last week they are going to
live near Richard Williams Ellen's brother
lives, Gwen and Mary Prichard sends
their love to you so does Edward and
Thomas's girls, We all join in love
to you from your Affectionate

Mother E Everett

Miss Sarah A Everett

Care of Rev H. H. Kellogg

Clinton

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Remsen January 23 1857

Dear Daughter

We were very glad to receive a letter from you last week after being so long without hearing from you, and especialy were we glad to find that you were gaining, although not quite so fast as you expected, or as we could wish, last evening I received your other letter in which you ask for clothes, I will endeavour to have them ready next week there is to be a meeting at Mr Roberts church next week wednesday and thursday, perhaps I may have an opportunity of sending them by some one that will come to the meeting as far as Robert's room, and he can send them to you We should be glad to come and see you soon but I do not see how we can, your father and mother have been beginning to see Ann Griffiths Daughter of David Griffiths

and sister of Mrs James Trenton she is very sick her distress is in the head, she was one of the twenty four received last summer there are many deaths around here, funeral every day this week your Father's health is better has got over his cold pretty well he is now in the singing school Anna and us and the boys are there Lewis is the teacher as the girls are writing I will close. Gwen sends her love to you Mrs Thomas girls and Edwards's and a great many ask for you we all join in love to you Aunt has alway made a green skirt your Affectionate

Mother E Everett

Miss Sarah A. Everett

Care of Rev H. H. Kellogg

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Remsen June 26 1854

My Dear Sarah

It is near 1/2 past seven P.M. Monday and we have not heard a word from you since I left you I know I did not urge you to write last week I was afraid of taxing your strength, but it seems a great while, and even if you mail a letter this morning I do not think it will reach here before tomorrow evening, if you have not been able to write, will you ask some one to write for you and let us know how you are give my love to Mrs Crafsley and tell her it would releive me very much if she will write, She can write more lengthy than you can without being tired, Dr Strong promised faithfully to let us know if you were worse I try to think you are not worse or we should hear, If you are comfortable you will want to know if we went all of us, to meeting yesterday, we did, they all went to S. School which was at 9 oclock but Pa and Ma, we did not go untill meeting time, Mary went home with Glyn family and staid untill evening meeting which was at Half way, it was quite a full meeting, I went with your father to Penmynydd and to Glyn in the afternoon. Gwen and Mary Jane send their love to you. Richard P's children are getting better but it is very hard to keep little Evan still for his arm to get well.

Margaret Morris went home today and is going to Glanhaven the latter end of this week or the begening of next. she has been at Pen-Mynydd with her cousin, Lettisa and Ann got the

washing done before dinner I believe.
they are all gone to pick strawberries;
now returned with full three quarts after picking [illegible]
Tuesday Morn^g Father is going to the village to send by the
accomodation for some cover [illegible] as the Ten^n - is to come
out this week.
Now I should like to know if your back is cooler and
how is your head are the other difficulties any better
have you had any more spasms -

This is a pleasant morning every thing seems to smile -
genial showers yesterday - we had one letter from John in Ohio -
his health was improving, - and he seemed in good spirits -
he wrote from Rev J Williams's, in Palmyra - Likely he is
in Pittsburgh about this time. Sarah Mariah is gaining fast
at the Water cure had a letter to Anna from her, 2 or
3 days ago Baby well and happy.

All the family join in love to you
this from your Pa & Ma

Eli & Elizabeth Everett.

Miss Sarah A. Everett.

Miss Sarah A. Everett

Care of Dr. S. E. Strong

Saratoga Springs

N. Y.

Houston NY
July 22

Remsen July 31 1854

My Dear Daughter

I am now waiting for the Cenhadwr to be ready for sewing which I expect will be in about an hour or so. Robert came home last saturday and Mary and Cynthia went back with him untill next saturday, partly to be housekeeper for him and the change might be good for Mary, sis wanted to have her teeth fixed a little, Letitia and Anne got the washing done this morning, Jennie and Janie are folding Anna is helping in the office we will soon all be sewing —

We feel quite anxious to hear from you again, did you lose much of your strength in your last sickness

Your Father will send three dollars in this, you may like to buy something and get it made or you might send home and let us know what you would wish us to send, any way that it would come easyest to your mind,

Last evening we got a letter from Mrs Strong We are very much obliged to her for writing it was a great relief to us all hope we shall hear again soon. I wrote to you on Saturday hope you have had it. I felt then and do now afraid that you did not put two skirts on to get up, which might be the reason of the Dysentery you are very weak and a little too much exposure might bring it on

have you had the button holes made in your sack yet or have you not courage enough to get any one to do it for you [illegible] love from your Mother E Everett

[illegible] [illegible] 11 [illegible]

My Dear Sarah

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
not account for it, perhaps you
have been expecting lately to come
home or are you sick, how is
Lizzy and how is Mary and the
We have not heard from your Sister
Mary for some time.
It is a very interesting time
here now they have meeting in
sixty every evening this week and
last. We had a very good meeting
at our church last Sabbath morn,
expect to have Meetings here next
week in the evenings.
we are just going to begin a
sewing Cent this afternoon
it is now after three

Much love Mother

My Dear Lizzy

Do you feel to hope in the Saviour, do you feel weak and very feeble and that you have not improved the privileges which you had as you would wish you had, we have a compassionate Saviour that knows our infirmities and can be touched with our sorrows, he is more ready to forgive than we are to ask, commit yourself to him and all will be well

much love from yr Aff Aunt

C Everett

Remsen Nov 4 1851

My dear daughter

I suppose you are anxiously looking for a letter from home and we are very wishfully expecting to hear from you do you continue to improve is your back much better I should be glad to make you a visit, but I do not know now when I can; your father is from home; he started early last morning to attend an ordination (of ~~a~~ ~~John~~ Lloyd I do not know as you know him, he came to Utica the same summer as the Greys, they did) it is a long way from here in Madison County Mr M. Roberts Wm D. Williams and Mr G. Utica are gone they four went together in the cars from Utica as far as Canastota they were to go from there 12 miles in a waggon which the people would send to meet them the meeting was to day, they expect to attend another meeting tomorrow on thursday and come home friday, We are all well at home Johns health is much better Robert was here last week to attend a temperance meeting which they had in the Tent Room in the village they had a good meeting,

it looks very lonesome ~~Emma~~ Emma is my only Daughter at home her five sisters are away and two brothers besides Lewis ~~[illegible]~~ it very quiet here now about 9 oclock all gone to bed except John he is in village in a Rechabite meeting he will be home before long

it has been very wet here saturday night
sunday and monday it turned cold last night
and froze pretty hard to day it has been quite
cold and freesing all day we have had our
cellar banked to day it is done neetly Thomas
Andrew did it with John's instrictions, there
is no mistak but John is a first rate to
plan and to get things done he has worked
a good in the orchard this summer and
fall, we may have some nice Apples
next summer, that would be good would
it not, I have not made your flannells yet
I have four yards of nice twilled flannel will
you wear them over your shirt or under
I think you ought to ask the doctor, if he
will recomend them, you may ask Mrs
Kellog or Ann to ask him if you do
not like to yourself do not let us be long
without a letter if you can help it we have
not heard from the girls lately it is near time
I must bid you good night John has come
home wishes to send his love to you
accept the same from your Affectionate
Mother Elizabeth Everett

Remsen Dec 15 1851

My Dear Daughters

Two weeks ago last saturday your Father wrote you a letter ~~your a letter a letter~~ with 15 dollars in it we feel quite uneasy that we do not hear from you and are some afraid you did not receive them I hope you will write imediately and let us know whether you have got them I understood by a letter from Mary to Robert that Jame had a bad cold, Robert came home saturday and went off this morning I hope he will be able to send you the box and that he will remember the bonsett, I suppose you have heard of Father Butler's death he was sick about a fortnight and died on tuesday night week before last he was buried in Berwick. Cynthia is yet in Whitesboro

your father's health is not very good
for two weeks past he suffered from a
cold he has been able to attend to
his duties and is getting better now
all the rest of us are well.
I was in Whitesboro when Mr Butler
died but I was sorry I could not stay
till ~~till~~ the funeral started, as
I wanted to go and see Sarah.
She feels stronger but her back
is not any better I have not heard
from her since, We are very sorry
you do not write oftener than you
do what is the reason? we have
not seen any of the thanksgiving
week productions which way
did those go, Must close
from your Af' Mother
Elizabeth Everett

Miss Jane Everett
Mt. Holyoke Seminary
South Hadley
Mass.

Remsen December 20 1851

Dear Daughters

It is quite a snowstorm here
to day the roads are much drifted we start
in the Cutter and were obleged to turn
back, for this reason we are not able to
send for the mail to night, We are very
uneasy in not hearing from you, Janes
policy in advising us "when you were
long without writing," "to think that
you were not sick but very busy," does not
give us much satisfaction it is three
weeks to day since we sent you fifteen
dollars which have not yet been assknow
ledged, I learnt by a letter from Mary
to Robert that Jane was sick with a
cold, has it proved to be something more
than a cold, is Mary too sick if we
do not hear soon my next letter will
be to the faculty if you are able to
write do let us hear from you or
get some one to write for you
your father's health is not very good
he is able to attend to his duties but
is not well

John F. Jones died yesterday morning he had been sick five weeks and had been unwell for a good while before his funeral will be Monday

The inclosed as you will perceive is from Mr Chidlaw — acknowledging the receipt of the dollar collected by the cent contribution of your Sabbath class. — By the Welsh page you will see that a request is made to all Sabbath School classes in the Welsh S. Schools in America to take up a contribution for the A. S. S. Union on the last Sabbath of January 1852. which I hope will be done — so that the "dollar" will I trust bring some more dollars for the same good cause — We print the Welsh letter in our January No — but not the English one — It has been copied and set. — this is an encouragement to do good — We are daily expecting a letter from Sarah — I intend to be in Utica, supplying for Mr G who is at New York, tomorrow week — hope to bring home with us on Monday your Sister Cynthia. Your Aunt is quite comfortable — Wm Jones is up on a visit — Robert was up last Saturday — returned Monday.

Please be sure to write immediately unless you will have written before this comes to hand — We all join in love to you both — From your affectionate father & Mother

Robt & Elizabeth Everett.

Remsen Jan 3 1852

Dear Daughters

It is now some time since we received your letter in which we found Jane was better of her cold and that Mary was sick and not able to attend to her duties I am very sorry my Dear girls that you are sick from home, and feel quite ancious to hear again and to know how you are have you got things warm enough for your walks I wish you would send home if you want money and try to get what will make you comfortable it is very poor policy to try to save in that way get rubbers and flanel I wish you could get each a thick sack or something to keep you warm I am sorry you were not better provided for cold weather when you went from home and it makes

me feel very bad when I think of it you better get what you want even if you have to pay more for them
we all enjoy pretty good health now father has got over his cold and his health is quite as good as usual, he took an egg once a day for a week or so and his cough got better Cynthia come home last week she has grown quite fleshy while she was in M.–
We received a letter from Sarah two nights ago she says she is gaining she wanted to get some clothes she felt bad to send for dresses to wear in bed, as she expected to send for dresses to sit up but it takes longer than she expected, Poor girl she tries to be as patient as she can, I wish she was near home, it is difficult

for us to go and see her but very seldom
Oh I hope you will try to take as much
care of your health as you can and if you continue
sick you had better come home
Education will do no good without health
there is a good deal of sickness and many
death around here funeral everyday this
week in one or the other of the grave yards
and two one day I do not know as you were
acquainted with any but John Owens wife
I think her girls went to school when Mary
tought her death was caused by cancer in her
breast We had our temperance meeting in
the village on the first Mr Pierce of Rome
was the principal speaker it was a good
meeting Mr P. made plain that the tavern
keepers were worse than thiefs and that
the Citisens of Remsen were worse than
the tavern keepers for suffering them to sell
liquor I hope the meeting will do good

I was not able to go with your father to Utica last sabbath as we were very busy with the Cenhadwr, Mary Morris was here Monday helping us to sew Cenhadwr we got 7 or 8 hundred mailed on Monday and the rest on tuesday do you get it, and do you have time to read it, I know not but some one else may tell you that Ellen Roberts and Zephaniah Jones were maried New years Eve your father and mother & John were there,,

monday After I have writen the above father has concluded to send you 20 do half for each Your Affectionate

Father and Mother

Rob & E Everett

the $15 was the way
you wish to have
this $20 is New Years gift
not charged on Book

Remsen June 28 1852 monday After noon

My Dear Daughter

It is not far from three weeks since we heard from you and we often think that we do not know what you have gone through in that time, every night for some time have we expected a line from you not because we have been so faithfull in writing to you but because we thought you would not wait for that Sarah we do want to hear from you. We have got our building finished and Plastered last week but there is some fixing around the house to be done and the yard is not levelled after digging the cellar and the painting is to be done yet they are very busy now with the corn hadow expect to get it out tomorrow or next day after that they expect to have time to get the painter &c &c week to last saturday Anna and Eddy went to whitesboro to get Henry home to help with cornhadow as they were very much behind with it they came back monday evening so he will be home nearly two weeks before vacation

William Hughes Caerefel was bu
buried to day, he has been failing for
a long time. Mrs Pugh has lost a babe
a daughter a week old I hope you
will write soon if you are able and
releive our anxiety

Your Affectionate
Mother
Eliz Everett

Penusen Aug 29 1854

My Dear Daughter

We were very glad indeed to get your letter and Mrs Strong's last fri[day] evening and to learn that you were improving so well it was a great while since we heard from you and we were quite uneasy We did we do thank the Lord and pray for his continued mercy in the restoration of your health, I am afraid we could not fit you if we were to send you a bonnet from here but think it best for you to buy one there, Mrs Strong or some of your friends there will assist you,

We send in this letter 5 dollars you will want shoes and perhaps some other things, if you can let us know, if you can get what you want or shall we send any thing from home,

can you get along with what under clothes you have are you careful in the changes of weather you may get some one to write and tell us if you can not write yourself Please to thank Mrs Strong for writing was very glad to learn that Mrs Tifft and Mrs Stevens can walk is it too much to ask how Miss Williams gets along I feel much interested in the patients but I must not tire you Mary Thomas was here she will write you a letter when you get strong enough to read it without injury

your friends here anxiously enquire how
you get along we want to send them this so you
must close with love from you
Father and Mother in [illegible]

Newton, April 13. 1855.

Dear daughters, both of you —

We think it will be best for you to consult Dr. & Mrs. Strong with reference to the time when they will say it may be proper and safe for you to return home. After another month they can judge about that better than they can now. We have great confidence that they will do their utmost for you — We all join in love to you, and affectionate regards for the good folks with whom you are —

Your affectionate father & mother

Robert & Elizabeth Everett.

[illegible] 1855

Remsen April 5/55

My Dear Daughters

It seems a great while since you left home and we would be glad to hear from you often and to know how you get along are you better have you clothes enough to be comfortable do you need money to buy any thing

Father Lewis and Anna have gone to singing school all are gone but Mary Cousin Mary & Ellen Letitia and Mother it is to be the last school

Yesterday Morn - Mary Morris Roberts Daughter was Married to Mill - W Thomas who is partner with Buxter in the Store at Waterville they were married in Church and have gone to New York on a wedding visit Lewis received a wedding card

which is very friendly
Anna sent a letter to John to day, & unne Mary am Letitia sent one to Lizzy L. The weather has been very pleasant for the last three days the snow is going off some - to day was our Society had a good meeting friends were enquiring for you
A Cen - for you was mailed for you among the deaths you will see Thomas Price Pen-Mynyd he died Monday of last week. Father had not been able to go there the Sabbath before as the snow was so high, and it was quite difficult to go to the funeral on wednesday, the paths were bad and it stormed very much. Children Two of Richard Williams of [illegible] that used to work some for us died within

a few hours of one another
they had the scarlet fever
Letitia was pleased to get [illegible] letter
will write to her soon
Friday it rained last night and thawed
some to day is quite foggy Father
is going to Ken-Mynard to stay
to Society Catherine left this
week Mary does the chamber
work and a good deal besides
she feels better, I am afraid
of her sewing too much but
it is hard keeping her back
if she feels like it and sees
it wants doing
I hope Eddy will succeed in
writing you a letter before long
Anna and Letitia have made
Anna s calico bask..
must send this letter off
your Affectionate
Mother
E E

Remsen, ~~May~~ June 2, 1856.

My Dear Daughter

Very very glad were we to get your letter on Saturday and to find you were well — you will not when you get my last letter that [illegible] I anxious about you, hope you will not neglect us again, Robert came home last saturday — he is much better than we expected, had very heavy treatment for the last six weeks, which brought him down very much — he is now quite thin and lives quite low, has good control of his Appetite. Wm Thomas says he will gain in ~~[illegible]~~ strength without much treatment — intends going to Trenton Falls with [illegible] William Thomas came with him home and Robert is gone to the village with him to meet the cars, We feel very thankful to see him well he will stay home for some time I do not know how long.

Mary will stay some time longer at Graffenburg - Mr Thomas thought it best for her to do so, Sarah, Anna and Cousin Lizzie are washing in the back kitchen# and have sent me to scout me - it is after 10, and they will soon have their clothes all out, Sissy has made the beds and is going to mop, your Father is mailing the old country Genhadwr - Eddy helping, Jane is with the girls doing her washing and Lewis just now giving Robert a towel bath# after his return from the village - he is some tired after his walk, Saturday he walked with Mr Thomas from Graffenburg to Utica and had to come very fast or they would be too late for the cars.

I have got through the mailing for Wales - and will now rest me a little by writing a few lines in Ma's letter - We feel very happy indeed

to receive your letter of Saturday evening - as your mother was
so anxious - and all of us in real apprehension that you were
sick, and hoping to get better before you could write -
But all is well - and we want to be more thankful than for this
and all other mercies and blessings. - You will rejoice with us
to hear that Robert has recovered so well. - He needs strength
is feeble - otherwise we may say he is well. - We had no
letter from John last week. I do not know what to
say about the state of things in Kansas. The attack upon
Lawrence was a most daring villainous act - But I
hope it has awakened the country to such a pitch
that some check will be given to the mad
career of those dangerous wretches. I have my fears
that the free state cause in Kansas will be crushed entirely -
that many will get discouraged and return - others hindered
from going from the free States - seeing the lives as well as
the property of freemen are in continual peril. And doubtless
this is the object of the Border Ruffians - they want to
accomplish by mob violence what they cannot by
reason and argument, and as long as they are encouraged
by the administration as they have been, there is reason to
fear they will succeed. But still I cannot otherwise
than hope that affairs will take a different shape
after a while - The action of the Cincinnati Con=
vention which opens today, will tell something - If
Pierce is not nominated, his aim at pleasing the
Slavery party will not be quite so daring as it
has been. The Kansas Committee of Investigation will

soon be back — And their Report will have a mighty effect upon the country — and if in next Fall we can elect a Republican President — there will be some hope yet for the cause of freedom in America. I think that a great deal depends upon the success of the Republican movement for the salvation of our country —

We are looking with much anxiety for your brother's next letter — the fact that there is a Printing Press now at Osawattomie, and the issuing of a Paper there by freemen will draw down the vengeance of the proslavery mob on that place as well as others unless other influences are brought to check this shameful violence in a professedly free country. —

We had a letter very recently from New Hampshire — they were quite well — we must write today or tomorrow to inform them how much better Robert is than anything we have been able to tell before

Must close — all joining in love to you — write soon — Your affectionate father & mother.

Robert & Elizabeth Everett.

[illegible] June 1856

New Hampshire — Monday, June 17 —

My dear Children

We have had no letter today from home. It is a rainy day — rained all day — increasing in intensity in the afternoon. This gives a little disappointment, as we intended to go around some today to see the country & some places in the village. Your mother has taken cold — some pain in her limbs from it — otherwise we are well, and happy — My health very good — Mr. Kuller is expecting daily a letter from John — none came today. — Yesterday we attended meeting three times — a stranger had exchanged pulpits with Mr. Stewart, their minister, from whom we heard two sermons — and there was a prayer meeting at 5 1/2 P.M. — Meetings pretty well attended, though not as full as when the school is in session — weather beautifully pleasant all day. We begin to talk about home — and probably will leave on Friday morning to be home, if all is well, Saturday evening. — Mr B & your sister wish very much that mother would stay to have rest for a few weeks — But her heart is so much at home that I do not think she will stay. You will probably receive this on Thursday, as the mail does not leave till tomorrow Morning 7 o'clock — so you need not write after you receive this. — We hope to hear from you tomorrow. your [illegible] — as the last. — —

The "[illegible] Ida in Missouri" must be laid aside of course — should it appear again in later numbers of Tribune to be incorrect — but we will hope not. It must be tedious haying time if the weather with you is the same as it is here. — We saw hay cocks as we came along with pieces of cloth as large as ~~half~~ one fourth or one eighth perhaps of a sheet spread over each stack — also some grain in same way. — Considerable hay is out yet in New Hampshire. We were glad to hear that Mary's health was improving — hope, poor girl, it will be so. — Also that Lizzy was a little better — giving our love to you <u>all</u>. we remain your affectionate father and mother

Robert & Elizabeth [illegible].

Love to Lizzy and Kitty from Uncle and Aunt [illegible].

Carrie.

New Hampton, Aug. 19 1857 –

Our Dear Children

No letter from home today – (Wed.) hope to get one tomorrow. Your mother is better of her cold – We have been to visit Mrs Bachelor, the wife of a Missionary of that name today, and have seen many curiosities from India. Since we wrote last, we have altered our plan a little, and intend now to start home on Friday morning, and go through Vermont – ~~at~~ and stay over the Sabbath with Rev. Griffith Jones, Fairhaven, Vt. – It will be about 250 miles travel to Fairhaven – We were glad to hear that Mr Thomas had promised to be in Steuben next Sabbath – Please give my respects to him and thanks to him for coming – We thought it a good opportunity to visit the Welsh Settlement in Vermont, and that it was a pity to come home without going there, as we are already in New England. – We hope to reach home on Monday, if it please Him who ruleth over all things. With love to you all and cousins. We remain your affec. father and mother

Robert & Elizabeth Everett.

We write somewhat of a letter today to Mary –

308 9th Av. New York, [illegible] 3 P.M.

Dear Children

Just now after dinner [illegible] [illegible] handed Cynthia's letter which had come to the house while with Mr [illegible] we were absent at the [illegible] Society meeting. She saw [illegible] after we [illegible] it, [illegible] and purposely kept it till after dinner, for fear it may have contained some unfavorable news - But was glad and so were all of us that it was all good news. Especially did we feel much interested to hear that part about the Union prayer meeting, and the movement to suppress the selling of intoxicating liquors &c - And Mr Arnall's hopes that we may hope for more good yet in Remsen with the cause of Jesus. We are quite comfortable at Mr & Mrs Jones's - We saw Maria Pugh yesterday - called at the door with the medicine her mother had sent, on our way to the meeting of Am. & For. Christian Union - We had hardly time to know how Maria was, as she was at the time attending the family dinner, and we were in a hurry to go to meeting - But she looked pretty well, and was glad to see us. - That is all of our friends from Remsen & Steuben that we have yet seen. This afternoon we mean to call about tea time (Mr Jones with us) at Mr D Griffiths 6th Av. - and then on to the National Temperance Society meeting

At Coopers' Institute, where we hope to hear Maj Gen Howard, and H. W. Beecher - both of whom we heard yesterday morning at the Am Missy Assn - on the subject of the Freedmen, their condition and wants. Tomorrow will be the Jubilee Bible Meeting. - The meetings which we have had so far (4 in Number) were excellent meetings - the one this morning was the Am. Tract Society - a very excellent meeting indeed. - Your mother is taking a little rest this afternoon, while I am writing this. We both feel pretty well, - We do not expect to visit but little - attending meetings is about all we can do this week -

We were glad that Anna was not feeling any worse after the visit to Hugh Jones's. - and that you had that pleasant visit by R. Hughes & and Jane - and our Lewis and Jane in the evening. -

Probably you will not get our first letter till this evening, and this one tomorrow evening -

Our kind respects to all our neighbors that you may see, and much love to our dear ones at home.

Your ...

[illegible]

Remsen Nov 6 1859

Dear Daughters

We received your letters this afternoon and were very glad to get them, with reference to the 10 dollar we mentioned to you, your father sent the order and a letter to you but forgot to direct your letter which was inclosed in Mr Thomas's letter he wrote back to your father, stated that, and in the mean time the Bank on which he had a ten dollar bill on, had stoped payment Father had written to him to day before we had yours, to have him send a good $10 bill or wait till he got one that was good so you must not be uneasy if it does not reach you as soon as we once thought it would, We shall be anxious to know what Dr Frances says about your hearing

does it keep your ear sore yet it is favorable that the throbbing is not so often, the syringe we got from New york and meant to send it with the Melodeon Dr charged one dollar for it if we do not send the Melodeon we will try to send it if you wish I think it will go in this ben without
It is the syringe, not the melodeon that will go in Ecuador!
injury I hope you will get winter clothing soon for fear you take cold Anna better be sparing with her studies I will try to send some Motherwort soon you may get some tincture of Bark from druggists if you want it I hope you will both spare yourselves as much as you can when you write and have time let us know how you got your

housework done, some from Pa and Ma

Remsen June 10/

My Dear Daughter

I received your letter last evening and was very glad hear from you, had a letter from John by the same mail they were well but felt gone ill an account of the state of things there. your father borrowed and sent him 100 dollars to pay for his claim John says the baby will get up and stand in the middle of the, and he can walk by the chairs

We had a letter from Mary this evening she says her health is better but that she does not feel very well, Dr says she had better stay there few weeks, and she does not know how long she will stay and that we must not expect her home until

[illegible]

we see her, I hope Elizabeth
and you will try not to be
uneasy about her, if she does
improve she had better stay
there a little longer Jane and
I had just written to them and
sent it off before we got here
Jane and Sarah have been
making Eddie a vest and pants
and Ellen and I another pants
and Jane & Sarah have finished them
and Lewis Jane and Chittenden
gone to [illegible] this evening
it is very wet weather here
it is quite wet to night last night
it thundered and lightened and rained
for 3 or 4 hours had a letter from
yr father this eve from [illegible]
he was to start from there 3 [illegible]
yesterday morning to go to [illegible]
to hold meeting there to day
and start tomorrow morning 3 AM
and be in Chicago to preach tomorrow
[illegible] one and on to Racine against
the sabbath, he will call at your
uncle's in coming back from Illinois
I will write to you again when
I hear from Mary, Mother

Remsen Jan. 23

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My Dear Daughters

It is as much as three long weeks since we heard from you what can be the reason we are very anxious, I think we wrote here last week, and sent Elizabeth letter to Cynthia, have not written to Elizabeth till we hear from you Mary says she thinks you are preparing for examination, but we fear you are sick if so let us know and let us know the whole, will not some one open your letters and write us, I would not tax you with a long letter if you are crowded
It is a long time since we heard from John we can not account for their silence, Mary's heath is improving Sarah is rather feeble

your father is going to the village and I must send this please write soon if you have not written, what books do you want us to send do you wish to have them all, they will be very heavy if we send them all Much love from each at home your Mother

Jan 25 Lizy Everett

Cynthia is very anxious to hear from you as she does not know how to dis[illegible]

Dear Daughters

Your father directed his agent in Girard Ohio to send you ten dollars it was Ohio Money pleas to tell us if has come to hand you had better dispose of it and see if it is good Money I thought you needed warm things for winter rubbers and underclothes Umberella it will help you some, we can not get your Melodian packed befor Oct— is out —

Much Love from Mother

will you have Money to get
[illegible]

Friday 18th.

Dear Son & Daughter

We are yet blocked in. No paths for butter to the store, Eddy is going afoot with letters to the village, Tommy took them there yesterday and forgot to leave them. I opened Sarah's and write this in, it does not snow to day hope they will open the road, we have not had only one mail this week got your letter 14ns yesterday. Lewis is in Pen Mynyd since sunday if he comes as far as Stone Helen I do not know how he might come home we never saw so much snow

he came on snow shoes
John L Griffiths called
here yesterday told us Lewis
had some trouble Sunday
to get to Janes home
John L. and Lewis were at
the polls, they only one
printed ticket the other
one was written, they were
discouraged to come to have
it printed, it was what
they call the hill ticket
that was printed this one
carried we are all
well and unite in love
to you both, we do not
know but the snow will
prevent father going to
Utica as I said your loving
Mother

[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible] when [illegible]

I [illegible] Saturday the [illegible] then
well enough to have [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] some distance from [illegible]
but we were glad to [illegible] that you
spent the vacation pleasantly and I
[illegible] that your [illegible]
was good. we had a letter from father
[illegible] but he did not say anything
about [illegible] and I [illegible]
to know she meant to be there this
week I am very sorry for her to lose
any of this term but it could not be
helped [illegible] I wish you knew how
much [illegible] has [illegible] the two days [illegible]
both have stopped working [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
she was [illegible]
[illegible] a good night [illegible]
[illegible] very much better I hope
I may go home soon, the Doctor [illegible]
[illegible] thought she would not

[illegible] Mr R[illegible] is the same as usual [illegible]
[illegible] that I hope you [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. But not so much
[illegible] [illegible] well [illegible] might
[illegible] [illegible] weeks yet but [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] though [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Robertson [illegible]
Mrs Butler was here [illegible] was [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Whiteman [illegible] was going
home that afternoon to spend the sabbath
with [illegible] [illegible] a letter from
[illegible] [illegible] I must close as [illegible] you
[illegible] [illegible] your [illegible]
[illegible] be able to answer your letter [illegible]
as she cannot [illegible] not [illegible]
for some time

Your Affectionate Father
[illegible]

1850 $

My Dear Daughter

I am very glad you are coming home this week all my Daughters are gone away your father went with the Cars this morning to prospect to to preach in the funeral of little Ellen Thomas who you saw sick at Wm Griffiths as you went to the falls, Pa would come from there to the Cars in the afternoon and go to Utica, take the at 6 tommorrow Morning to Canastota. Mr Price and Mr R. Evans would

go also to attend a meeting
at Nelson Madison Co
they will send waggons
to meet them at the Cars
Anna wanted ~~Anna~~ was
~~to~~ to go to Canastota to
visit Miss Northop the
young lady that Jane
lost her trunk, she
went with her father
as far as there meant
to stay a few days or a
week Pa will come home
Thursday Sarah and
Jennie have gone to
Saratoga your three
sisters went this

afternoon and waite
meet
your father in the Cars
at prospect Depot
we feel very laansome
at home, Eddie is
reading and Elen is
mending something and
Auntee sitting down in the
Kitchin very quiet
Jane and Lewis are gone
to the Village, to J D
Griffiths, to see Mary
Elias Williams's Daughter
she is staying there to be
near the Dosters with
her sick child it has
a bad cancered Mouth
and gone to the Longs

Evan George continues
quite feeble we went
to see him last evening
after the meeting in
pen Mly ryd I think father
must have left his gllases
there as he could not
find them to day, I
gave him mine and
I am afraid you can
skarsly make out this
note Must close with
much love from Mother
also from Eddie Ellen and
Auntie they all say
tell her to come home
as we are very lonesome
E Everitt

Dear daughters Sarah and Cynthia. —

Your sisters got safe to Ithaca — and Anna arrived home Saturday afternoon well. — After their good visit to Saratoga. — We all join in love to you — Your Father. —

[illegible] known, when you write next, whether this came safe. — which will be a satisfaction that the draft was received. —

Monday Morn'g —

Dear Daughters Sarah & Cynthia —

We were much gratified with a visit being from Mr & Mrs Ward — they had hard time to come up through the deep mud from Ty Cerig past "Farm" to our house — It was great love to you that urged them to come. — We send by Mr Ward $10 for you to get some things for summer clothes — Jane will write (I think) today or tomorrow — Your mother was with me to Prospect to a meeting last evening — the roads were very bad indeed. But it is fine summer weather now — and the roads will be soon settled now — All well and join in love to you — thanking Cynthia for being so punctual and constant in her correspondence

Your affte father & mother

Robert & Elizabeth Everett.

Plenum, April 10. 1858. —

Dear Daughters

It is so long since I have written to you, that I must write some if it is only a little. We feel rejoiced to hear that you have good and interesting meetings — hope it will continue and increase and that the members of your school may be blessed, — We feel for you in the responsible situation you are placed in, we pray that you may be supported and directed, May you yet good and be enabled to do good, I fear lest your duties will tax your strength too much, can you not arrange so as to have more time to rest, remember health

is precious and without ~~and [illegible] without~~ health you can do but little good — this is your failure you are too apt to go beyond your strength.

I hope Jennie will listen to this advice from Mother. Could you not give us a list of the school dues - Didymus Thomas's folks especially have asked repeatedly for the Bill - He cannot find the list any where - Please send it if you can - simply the amount due by each one that Eddy may try to collect it. — What wonderful times the present! - It would seem almost as if the millenial glory of the church had ushered in - or at least had commenced dawning upon us - when God will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh. It is amazing indeed to read of the daily prayer meetings in New York, and Boston and Philadelphia - Does the work still prosper with you. We have heard from New Hampton - they are all well there - Mary's health improving - they have there also interesting meetings, and some hopeful conversions - The action of the House of Representatives last Thursday on the Kansas iniquity is good - the Lecompton constitution can no more be urged upon Congress - soon we hope Kansas will be a free State. And having obtained relief from her political troubles who knows but we may hear of revivals of religion in various parts of Kansas before a great while. Our last letter from John was dated March 8 - They were well at that time. But I must close - much love to you both -

Your aff^te father & Mother
Robert & Elizabeth Everett.

Remsen June 7 1858

My Dear Daughter

We received your letter to Sarah in which you speak of the storm you had last sunday week it must have terrified you very much being almost alone in that Large building suppose it was over befor Anna came back from meeting poor girls she is so much afraid of thunder and lightening did you have some help to clean the water &c. we feel very much for you in connection with the trouble with the faculty it is a great pity that they are divided it must be a great hindrance to the promotion of piety, how glad we would be if you would be teaching near home you did not say any thing in your last letter about coming to Whites=boro have you decided what you will do. have you heard from Mr Heffro

how glad we should all be
if you would come there
I decidedly think it is too much for
you to go to Kansas to see John you
can not ride 20 miles in a rough
waggon without being very much
tired and you can not expect any
comfortable conveyance much of
the way and if you teach this
fall you will need your time
to rest and to get ready against
another year, if you could do somthing
for your hearing you have not told
us lately how that is
I am sorry for John we see in the paper
there has been more trouble there
am afraid they will make it a slave
state and that there will be no com
=fort nor safety for free state men
there, nor their property will not
be safe there I have written more
than I meant to, We have had a
letter from your father on

saturday eve he was well
and comfortable ment to go
through Chicago friday he
did not know whether they
could stay and preach there
in the evening or not, was
going to Racine against the
sabbath, Mary is at Saratoga
with Dr Strong We are well
at home it has made much
rain here these last week
some thunder not much
Christiana Manuel is teaching
school in this district begun
yesterday, George left here a
week ago he is going to school
in the village, District school
hope to hear from you soon
Sarah & I wrot unbeknown to
each other she was up stairs
and I in the parlor expecting
her down every minute so you
have too letters much love from mother
to you both

Remsen Dec 9 1858

My Dear Daughter

I fully intended to write to you in the same envelope as Elizabeth's but as I had that finished and having means to send it to the village I thought best to send hers then and yours again; hope your health is improving and that you will be able to attend school next term if you were not so far I might come and see you, when you write again which I hope will be soon let us know how you are and how you feel is it a general debility or what is the difficulty

You enquire what Eddy

is doing this winter
in the first place he
has been fixing a good
many things such as
putting several glas in
the windows siding and
cleaning the Shea chamber
hanging the cottage
door, and siding and
cleaning the Office
washing the Offise floor
and for several days
and I do not know but
weeks he has been
picking and fixing some
pi and setting the cases
in order, things that
had been left for years
and no one had patience
to set them to rights
he says he is nearly
through, and will be
ready to begin to set soon

In the evenings he works
some at her Arithmatic
We had a wedding here
yesterday, Mary Prichard
Glyn and Richard Davies
he lives between John R. Griffith
and Thomas D. Thomas, he is
father to Jane Davies that
D. Thomas went with for
a while he has four
children all married
but one son, I think he
is a fine man, they
went from here to J. W. Roberts
and her sisters, Gwen and
Catherine and their
husbands were there -
quite a little party.
Her Mother lives alone now
some of Rishard's children
are there back and forth
they do not know what
she will do Gwen wants

her mother to live with her.
I was with your father in
Prayer Meeting last week
at John R Griffiths
Mary A Bishard was there
she said to me give my
love to Cynthia when you
write to her Eliza said and
mine too when I was
going away Jennie Griffith
said give my best Respects
to Cynthea, your friends
often enquire for you
last Sunday it Rained and
froze and this week we have
a sleet of ice and is very
cold last night it snowed
some which will make
it better for the horses
feet, Lewis has been in
Rome this will make
4 week for him the board
of Supervisors meet there
they expect to get through
this week, Jane and children

are at her fathers they were down to see us last
week please write soon if you are well enough
your Mother

Nov 1859

Dear [illegible]

We were very glad to get your letter night before last when they went to the Village to singing school, you say you do not know when you will come home, We want you home very very much we want your help and your company, we want your counsel, but neither of us dare to say much to you, for fear it would be an injury for you to leave the Dr, but you have been longer than you meant to stay, you can tell best what to do, we would be very glad to see you, have you advised with the other Dr yet We think you had better do so, Hugh Hart left yesterday he is gone to board with Dr Guiteau to do chores and go to school, we are afraid we can not do without some one as Joseph is going to leave, Cousin John was here to night and said he would be glad to work for us this winter as he can not do his work in the winter says your father engaged him, he will come in a few

Don't hurry home if you think you are gaining. I think you ought to recreate a good deal this winter. Don't be discouraged, I think you have gained well considering the short time you have been under treatment. Such chronic cases cannot be cured without time and a great deal of patience. I wish I could see you as do we all so that we might know how much you have gained. They miss you in the Office. The Gen. lags a good deal since you went away but still I think your duty now is to regain your health if you can.

the enclosed from Miss Northrop came today it was
two heavy to put in an envelope, so Anna opened
it, there was a Circular of the Musical Academy
at Syracuse in it with her respects to Anna
we had a prayer Meeting here to Night but
was very wet it rained very hard, so very few
came we had a good meeting, they commenced
printing the first form of Cenhadwr this P.M.
they have not got the Circular yet we got three
letters from Cousin Thos Everett Please thank him
for them, Anna is Making her a hood Sarah
knitting Mary cutting Lucy's hair; Cynthia has
been looking some at her Music lesson she
is some tired been making Bread biscuits
and baking Apples, she does all the baking
Mary wants me to send much love from
her and so do we all, give our kind regards
to Cousins and Thos Jones I am glad Elizabeth
is going to write to her Mother, they
will be very glad to get one from her
Mary says you will know who this is from
if I do not say Mother

I hope you will consult the physicians [illegible] before you come home. I do not [illegible] you may get much better if not quite well. Please remember me to Thos. Jones and ask him if he remembers [illegible] Mary

Home Dec 6 1861

Dear Daughter

We received your letter and Miss Northrop's last week at the time when we were all so busy that would hardly allow a thought but what was connected with Gen. Gray mail about 700 on Saturday Morn. and finished them all off on monday, after the hurry was over, Sarah washed, and the next day Sarah and Mary went to the village, to a sewing and knitting Society to provide for the Soldiers and spoke some about your giving lessons, but did not feel able to go around then. Ruth Jones said she would like to take lessons and she thought

Father
& would like to have her do so.
I hope in a few days that you will hear from the girls about the Piano would it not be best for you to have your Melodian in the village, and see what schollars you would have, and if you succeed and see it would answer, perhaps Mr Northrop could assist you to get one then, yet I do not wish to discourage you in the least, and I hope I have not said any thing that will make you feel bad or cast down; we will be glad to see you once more. If you have concluded to take the P— dont feel bad at what I have said. accept love from your father and mother

Anna dear,—Mother has gone with father to Tenymynydd and she requested me to write a little in this. Last Wednesday Sarah and I took Lyl and went around to see what we could collect for the soldiers. We got something every where we went except at Robt. Hughes'. He said that he thought they had no need of anything. We took tea there with Jane, but Sarah was so discouraged that she did not wish to call any where after we had been there so we came directly home. I forgot to say that did not succeed in getting anything at Thos. Williams, Bryngla[illegible] We were not acquainted there an[d] S. just ran in for a few moments while I staid with the horse. Gwen Williams, Bala, gave a nice pair of socks. Our pleasantest call of all was at Careg Fawr. Mr. Jones gave

W. D., Mary a pair of socks and Rachel a blanket, and a young lady who has been staying with them now for some time promised to knit a pair of mittens if I would do the same. I have knit one pair, ~~but I shall~~ but now I suppose I shall have to begin another soon — Yesterday Sis and I called at J. W. R.'s without success. He thought the same as R. Hughes. Then we went to Mr. Williams's for Sis' school money. We found Mrs. W. with a little four weeks old baby boy. Mr. W. was not at home so Sis did not get her money. We called for a few minutes on Pierce in his school. He had only about 9 or 10 scholars. Tues. Sis and I were up to see Owen and to bring Ellen Jones here to help us sew. Owen had a very comfortable day. He wished to be remembered to you.

Remsen March 27/68

My Dear Daughter

the Ben started off this morning, we were all pretty tired, but no more so than usual
Dr Wiggins was here this morning he thinks he can help her he says she is dispeptic and some other things he mentioned he. he left some thing to act on the liver and would regulate her bowels and citrate of Iron to be put in some wine to strengthen her, she has been cupped several times but we are to omit that for a while
I wish there would be a letter from you in P.O to night but I thought we must not wait for fear we may be disapoined
we are anxious to know what you are going to do and how the comencment went — Mother

get on in their preparations for their Wales trip?

Mother wishes me to say that we shall all be very glad to see you if you think it well for you to come home but we do ~~not~~ wish you to act as you think will promote your best interest. We should be sorry for you to come home on our account when it would be better for you to stay.

We are feeling pretty well this bright spring morning. Yesterday Sis and I went to Lewis' and from there to the Lodge - and Sis went to Mr. Mitchel's for the night - I came home - We call on Mary Ames - and saw Will at the Lodge. They are expecting to go West next week. Will is going in business with Jason - Charles has buried both his babies - He and Mary are pretty well now - Robt Hughes, O.D. Griffiths & wives took tea with us at Lewis' yesterday. - Write as soon as you can

As Mother has got up to get supper. I will take the advantage. and write a little in her letter. I have thought a great deal of you the last few days, — we want very much to hear from you — how did you stand the excitement of Commencement &c? I fear you were sick after it. Were you very tired? Hope we shall have a letter tonight. Jennie & Sis have gone to spend the afternoon at Lewis, have not been there in a long time before. They were going from there down to the lodge this evening, — and intended to call and see Mary, Will Ames wife, and her baby — they are at her Fathers — Will and family are going to start for the West next Monday. He is going into business, I believe with his brother Jason. Jane was here yesterday, helping with the Ben. She and children are pretty well. Mother has told you about me. so I need not repeat. I hope Dr. Wiggins understands my case

for we are anxious to know how you are and what you decide to do. Jennie

He says he has had this same trouble in the shoulders that I have, a number of years ago, and knows just how bad it feels. He speaks quite en=couragingly, and seems to be careful,- says I am too weak to drive matters ahead very fast. So do not hurry home on my account, if you are not ready to come, though of course I should be ever so glad to see you. I am your sister

Anna

All unite in love to you and cousin Thomas and Elizabeth; Is Nellie Roberts still with you? If so tell her that Kate was better yesterday - Libbie and Eunice were both in the Lodge last night.

If you stay ~~down~~ we shall perhaps send for you to get some things for us - but mother says we can send with Wm. when he goes down, if you should not feel like trading or if you want to come home. Love to our cousins

Remsen March 7/68

My Dear Daughter

We now hear the cars for the second time this week it is near their right time we have had so much snow one day after the other that there is no traveling by cars nor much any other way We received your letter last week and your note to me but I can not lay my hand on it now and do not remember if you asked any thing but about going to see Elizabeth on your way home I should be glad for you to make her a visit, but as E intends taking an important step in May had you not better come ~~straight home~~ straight home, it will not cost much more to go from there than from New York, but if it would interfere with your arrangement

on expectation it may be best
for you to go, your fathers health
and mine are about as usual
Sarah is quite sick at certain spells
this winter Anna is quite feeble
Cynthia is better than when we
wrote last, the rest are in usual
health, as the Cov. came out early
Minnie is in Utica since last
week, wed 2t nd. hope she will
come home next week, it rains
to day, of course we can not tell
if the cars will come on not
till next week - But we have just heard the whistle - 11 A.M.
do you think it will be best
for you to buy a new trunk for
Cynthia she will need one and
it might accommodate you to
bring your things home
your father has bought a new
Bible in Utica "The Family Bible" we will not need the
one you mentioned, let us know
how your health is when you write.
affectionately yr Mother

Also, let us know what money you will have us send — Mrs Mary Owen wife of O. J. Owen of Cin. O. died at her mother's in Floyd, last Sab. morning — and was buried on Wednesday — I was not able to go to the funeral — as the roads from us to Remsen were blocked up with snow drifts — and there was no opening any other way — She had just returned the preceding Thursday in feeble health. We have not heard the particulars — A great trial for her mother and the rest of the family — and for Owen especially — who was at Cin. They had to telegraph to Cincinnati —

Please to inform Mr Griffiths folks, 6th Av. that we had sent regularly the Cen— to Wales from January — and will continue so, of course — I thought that it was their wish that I sh'd do so.

My dear Sister, I will add a little to Father's and Mother's letter, though only a little. We were very much shocked and I know you will be, to hear of the death of Mary Owen. Had you written to her since you got her letter in the fall? Sarah Thomas has been very sick this week — was some better yesterday, we have not heard today. She took cold several weeks ago, and has been poorly ever since. Her mother is pretty well now. Ellen Griffiths was down to Green two or three weeks ago — stayed three or four days — she is quite ~~feeble~~ thin this winter — and Maria is poorly too. They are both taking treatment from Dr. Gibson. Ellen thought if you would only come

I have not written so much as this since I wrote to you before.

home. you would have enough to do to doctor up the Griffiths family. Her brother Griffith is also sick, has been very sick I believe. — and Margaret Owens wife has been very feeble all winter — she has the chronic diarrhea — is some better than she has been. Mrs. H. Jones too, says she is ready for you — so [illegible] There, haven't I made out quite a list of patients for you, against you come home. Of course I shall want to consult you, though I am under Dr. Wiggins' care now — [illegible] We are anxious to hear from you to know what you are doing for boarding and sleeping place, and to know how you stand it — I fear you will not feel as well after losing your home at Cousin Thomas. You ought to feel pretty well the next two weeks to finish your term I suppose I needn't tell you that I want to see you awfully. It seems a great while since you went away. and it is a great while. We have been having a great deal of stormy weather this winter, and so much snow, that we can hardly get out at all. Had some rain last night and today, the first this winter, I think. I suppose you have seen a notice of the marriage of David Price and Hannah. Well — "fallty mair byd-yn myned" as Tommy says.

Give our love to Thomas and Lizzie when you see them. I wish you could see them before they start to the Old Country. Your sister Anna.

Remsen Dec 9 1858

My Dear Daughter

I fully intended to write to you in the same envelope as Elizabeth's but as I had that finished and having means to send it to the village I thought best to send hers then and yours again; hope your health is improving and that you will be able to attend school next term if you were not so far I might come and see you, when you write again which I hope will be soon let us know how you are and how you feel is it a general debility or what is the difficulty

You enquire what Troy

her, to live with her. (mother inserted above "to")
I was with your father in
Prayer Meeting last week
at John R Griffiths
Mary A Prichard was there
she said to me give my
love to Cynthia when you
write to her Eliza said and
mine too when I was
going away Jennie Griffith
said give my best Respects
to Cynthia, your friends
often enquire for you
last Sunday it Rained and
froze and this week we have
a sleet of ice and is very
cold last night it snowed
some which will make
it better for the horses
feet, Lewis has been in
Rome this will make
4 week for him the board
of Supervisors met there
they expect to get through
this week, Jane and children

we got her fathers they were overjoyed to see us last
week please write soon if you are well enough
your mother

Remson Feb 23 1869

My Dear Daughter

We have not heard a word from you since Jennie came home she says she left you quite poorly that you were afraid you would have the spring fever I felt anxious for you when I understood you were broke of your rest when you took care of that woman it is so easy for you to over tax yourself. you run around a good deal when Jennie was down and you were so anxious about different things, Now I want to tell you how much good that powder you sent for your father did him he was quite bad the night before Jennie came home very much broke of his rest and quite painful

we commenced giving a powder in the evening and he took another on going to bed and 3rd in the course of the night, he was better in the morning and all day h[illegible] [illegible] night and has rested well ever since and is much better was in meeting twice last Sunday had a good rest that night what he had not had after being out in the evening in a great while,

How long shall we continue to give one powder every evening

Jennie spoke of Anna going down to new york, for two weeks but she does not think she could stand the journey without being very much tired it would take her a week or more to get rested, I am afraid you have had much Anxiety to find a place for her, she dreads the spring a good deal.

Jennie is very busy in the Office
ever since she came home, they
will get Ten out this week
if no misfortune happens
Cynthia is making Anna's merino
dress with spots on, into a loose dress
for Anna, it will be very comfortable
for her and it looks very pretty
Evan Owen trenton is to be
buryed tomorrow, the funeral
is to be at Capel Ucha,
Mr Roberts and Erasmus W Jones
is to preach they asked your
father he declined, he felt too
weak to preach to a large congre
gation,
If you do not feel well enough
to write please to get some one
to write, we all join in love
to you your Affectionate
Mother Eliz Everett

Remsen April 10/69

My Dear Daughter

I meant to have started a letter to you to day but did not make out to write. We were very glad to get your letter Tuesday or Wednesday I do not remember which. I felt very uneasy being so long without hearing from you and because we did not know where to write to you — hope you will keep us posted we have been kept at home on acount of the weather for a long time now, Thos has been shoveling our lane for three days, and it was steady work too, he went to the village to day for the Cutter, as they could not get it home after taking the Cenhadur down.

Your father and Mother have
been home for three sabbaths-
but hope to be able to go tomorrow
Cynthia walked down on Monday
and came home this evening, she
had been so close at home I hope
the out will do her good, she
visited a good many families, and
looks bright.
I have not heard any thing from
Mrs Logen an Miss Adams, so I
concluded she did not want the
butter we will sell it the beginning
of the week as we could not
keep it this time of the year as
the grass butter will come soon
although this snow does not look
much like it now.
I am sorry Miss Adams is
not more kind, but try to be
thankful that you have a
great many very warm
friends whom you can

inslined to go there for
a few weeks, as you have
no home for her, and it would
tax your time too much.

Your mother.

John L Davis is a little better.

confide in.
Jane Hughes has a little boy born yesterday, we have not been to see her- hope to go next week if we do not have another storm to keep us home.
you say you are going to be an assistant in the dispensary does that belong to the same Collage as you have been! I hope you will be careful not to over tax yourself and not be too anxious, take things as easy as you can.
we all feel for you and would like to help you.
We do not know what to say about Anna s coming to New York she is very weak and would be afraid of coming as things are. she is thiner than she was when she came home from Rome, and is almost

Mon. eve April 19

My Dear Daughter

Your letter came friday eve when Thos came from the lodge we were very glad indeed to get it and to find your health is better, hope you will be careful not to undertake too much you know it will not pay, I had a letter from Mrs Lazin asking for the butter as I had sold it, I will have the small tub filled tomorrow and hope to start it on wednesday if I can get it to the village thomas says he will cary it as the horse can not go to the village, the road is so bad. your father and Mother

went in the Cutter yesterday
to church, but the road was
very bad Thos drove and sheaded
the cutter, the snow goes off
very fast
I gave Anna one of those powd,
Saturday Morning she does not
know as her head is any better
last thursday William Griffiths
came to fix the plaster in the
kitchen and whitewashed the
house all over he was here two
days 1/2 thursday Anna went
to Lewiss and stayed all day
she enjoyed it she had not been
out before for a months of course
it took her some days to get rested
to day she says she is getting
rested, I think she stood it very
well, as we have had so much
done. there is quite a garden
in the parlour several pans
with dirt in, and tomatoes

and flower seeds starting you would like to see her fixing them and watch them starting I do not think she feels inclined to go to New York now if the snow you off soon as it look likely now, we hope she may ride out I think she looks brighter about sending your things down I suppose your Sisters will look them up and send them when they can must send this off as Mr P is going to the village with much love from each of us

Yr Mother
E Everett

Apr 20, 1869

Had you not better come home when it gets warm weather in New York on a visit? Your Pa & Ma will pay your way both ways.

Benson June 12 1869

My Dear Daughters

your father is writing to John, Jennie & Eddie and I will write a little to you we were very glad to get a letter from you it relieved us thing we were glad to learn you went so comfortable and that Anna stood the journey so well, suppose she will feel it for many days hope you will be able to write the begining of the week and let us know how she will feel then will she be over the fatigue of gardening the day before you started from home, I hope you will not be discouraged if she does not feel as well as you expected, What does the Dr say of her symtoms now &c

Pierce and Clara came home
Wednesday they well at Turin
they mingled their sympathies
at the loss of Lewis's cow

Williams gave 10 dollars, Eddie 10
Pierce 10 and his father 10 Pierce
brought the paper here yesterday
and father gave 15 Jennie 10 Sarah
5 which will be enough or more
to buy a Cow Lewis and Pierce
have gone to day to buy a Cow
Sarah ironed the Parlor
Curtains yesterday and Jennie
put them up they look well
Lewis Jane and Clara were
here last Evening baby is pretty
well .. Excuse brevity tho is going
to the village, we all join in
love to you both and Mr Evans
family Affectionately by yr Mother
E Everett

Remsen Dec 6 1869

My Dear Daughter

We received your two letters this evening as it was very storming Saturday eve that we did not send for the mail. Ama took a cold the last of the week her head was quite bad there, she went to church yesterday and has been in bed to day but is pretty comfortable this evening she has not more headache about the same her bowels are more active for two or three weeks

Mrs Roberts is very low, the Dr. W. thinks she has cancer

in the stomach, she ha
a spell of vomiting dark
coulered stuff yesterday
but is easier to day
only very weak, a little
swelling in her hands
and face
your father's health is
about the same, when
he takes cold he has a
bad night I get up and
give him these little pills
and they releive him

the butter we sent down
was next to the best we
we made the last was not
quite ready then, we will
mark it ~~f~~ the last fall ~~bu~~
some have sold here 1.0 cents
but they do not give so [illegible]
more than 35 so I hear say
perhaps less, it is very
stormy that I did not
inquire at the store
I do not think there is much
bought here now
if you can not sell it
do not fret as I would
rather lose much in it

then that you should fret
about it, we will send the
4 tubs, we will hear from
you again how you
get along good thight
they are all gone to bed
except sere from ... ...
and Your Aff Mother

Eliz Everett

we send 6 dollars to
pay Express hope they
will come soon enough
we send butter by exp
in hopes it will reach
safe

Auburn, N.Y. Jan 14 1870

My Dear Daughter

I was in Utica this week — and in speaking [to Aunt Mary & Lewis] about the proposal that had been made with reference to your removal to Florida, he said that he thought we ought to object very seriously to that — that you have not been sufficiently acclimated in the Southern states to make it safe to go so far South as Florida —

But we keep hoping that our next letter from you will relieve us of this anxiety and that [you] shall still remain at Norfolk — Your two [last] hinted that probably it would be so — The next we hope will confirm it. May the Lord be with you, Dear Daughter, his name is a strong tower in every day of trouble to ~~[illegible]~~ [which you can go.]

We were glad to hear that you could give a little to help that paralitic aunty to be taken to her daughter to be cared for. It is better "to give than to receive —"

Mary has been for a week or so at home — We heard from her that she got safe to New York — Eddie and his wife were here — they came in a cutter on Saturday to see Mary, and returned Monday — we have heard from them that they got back safely though the sleighing was very poor. They live in the village now — seem well and comfortable — William has quite a loss by that fire — But the insurance will pretty much cover the loss — The partners have taken another store —

You have seen in the Evangelist that Mrs Roberts has left us — But we believe all was well with her, and that she has joined with a society much purer than she could have while here in this vale of tears — She was calm, resigned and happy in her end — It is quite desconsolate ~~[illegible]~~ to go to Kemsen now

without having to call to see Mrs Roberts — We heard from John two or three days ago — He He and Frank were well — Robbie will be going probably in March —

I sent you yesterday your certificate of church membership — must now close — We are all in usual health — and send much love —

Your affte father
Robt Everett

Remsen April 20 1870

My Dear Daughter

I am afraid you may think we take no interest in your success, as we are so slow in writing, but we do wish to congratulate you and wish and hope that your practice may agree with your health and that you will enjoy it and benefit others, we shall want to hear from you again very much. We had a letter from Cynthia Saturday evening it was written on wednessday she seemed pleased with the school and with her home and the family she had 3 or 4 letters from you How would it do for you to come home for a few days

Could you do it without interfearing with your practise there; your father would like to see you, and we would like to have you see Ama. She is out of medicine, and has been for some time she feels a good deal discouraged at times, your father is out of Medicine only the liquid you left in a bottle which you told me to put a few drops in water, he was not so well after being out Sunday morning, but is about as usual to day, the medicine always helps him. the girls wish me to say there no particular hurry about your coming home now we would like to see you when you can best come we will be very busy with

next week
Kenhadier, will Sarah
need more medicine
We had a short letter from
John last week his health
continues quite poor, he has
some fever and ague and his
lungs are quite sensitive
to the change of weather
they were going to build a
small addition to their
house, he wanted to borrow
50 dollars from Jennie as he
could not make money that they
meet, the boys were well
John says he could not even
do the chores
hoping to hear from you
soon must close with love
from us both
Affectinately your
mother
Eliz[th] Everett

Please send me s[illegible] , [illegible]
powders in your next
[illegible]

Would you be too much trouble
if you came home before warm
weather to take 25 or 30 pounds
of butter in a basket 8 or 10 a
[illegible] it would go so if it is
not too warm I dont wish to burden
you, we milk 4 cows now
so I think the butter will
be good   yr Mother

Butter is 30 - 32 here I think

[illegible] May 13 1878

My Dear Daughter,

We were very glad to get your letter to Sarah we were disappointed in not seeing you home this week your father and Anna too ought to see you soon you said in your letter that you were sending some [illegible] for Anna did you find out that you forgot to send them any at least they did not come if you do not come home I wish you would send her something Sarah was very sick indeed last week we did want you to see her then I thought she could not endure much more and live, she was

in great pain and distress for more than six hours, and was so sick and sore after the pain got a little less, it is about a week now but she does not get her strength I do not think she was so sick before

I write this to ask you if you can not come home next week if you come friday or saturday and stay untill Monday you would not lose much

you ought to see Anna and your father of course your father will pay your way and then you might come again when you could and stay longer

Jennie says you need not get carpet she may get it of Eddie as she think of going there

Dear Mary, — I was sorry you could
not come home this week. I have
delayed my visit to Cobden hoping to
have you go with me — now I think
I will go out tomorrow or Saturday.
— Anna was even more disappointed
than I in your not coming, since
she would be a good deal better
I think if she only got a sight
of your pure medical face — she's
great faith in doctors if they
are of the right stamp. — If you
are short of money to come home
Ma thinks Mr Jones would let
you have some and you could
repay it on your return. We
have no $5 bill in the house
or we would send it in this.
Cynthia told us in her last letter
received just before we got the
contractor out, that she would be
coming home in time to see the
old chimney taken down. We expect
John to begin work here next
month early — and we shall urge
him to be no longer than possible
about it. — The prospect of the
commotion and bustle is not very

pleasant you must [illegible]
We have sold what spring butter
we could spare in rolls for 80 cts a
pound - sold 10 lbs yesterday - We have
not yet turned our cows to pasture
tho' our neighbors have - and our
butter is still white to [illegible] great
annoyance - We have had a very
rainy week - today is cold, cloudy
but not raining any.

Mary Evans is here sewing. She
is troubled with tooth ache. She
went to the village yesterday to have
Dr Wells take it out but he had gone
Mother's leg has not got well any
more than my hand - it is better
some. - I am sorry I spoke to you
about the carpet and paper - you
must not trouble about it, We had
a letter from Eddie today. he says
that three ply is $1.50 wholesale in New
York - he says they will have some all
wool (ingrain I suppose) and when
it is received he will write about
it perhaps we can suit ourselves
there - Thomas Jones is in New York buying
goods - his brother Hugh is very sick
so Eddie is busy enough now,
write to let us know what day you will come
so that we can meet you - Mother & Jennie

Remsen Jan 19 1871

My Dear Daughter

It is more than two weeks since we received your good letter ~~and~~ the things you sent us tokens of love we prise them as such

I am very sorry you have been over taxing your strength but have been afraid it was so and now you have been in some measure releved of so much daily duties. perhaps it is too much for you to teach on the sabbath as much as you have been doing. you know best I hope you will be careful

Jennie has written to you twice I believe this month hastily, but it makes no odds with, Maggie and I

we [illegible] a letter from
Mary last week she was
[illegible] at her an attack of
nervous headache for two or
three weeks she [illegible] she
was pretty well when she
wrote only rather weak
[illegible] a letter from Sarah
last eve they were pretty well
[illegible] miss her at home
[illegible] much, we are in good
health at present your father
is rather better than he was
last winter, the weather has
been rather unfavorable for
Anna to go out much this
winter we think she would
gain more if she could [illegible]
out more, the snow is most
all gone and the sleighing is
very rough. Wednesday your
father and Mother were at
Mrs T Owens near Trenton

at the [illegible] of [illegible]
Owens in John & Jones [illegible]
place there was a very large
company there [illegible] [illegible]
both sides. it was a pleasant
day only the travel [illegible] [illegible]
rough
we hope to have a letter from
you soon if you do not have
time to write but a little
Marg^t Griffiths continues
very feeble

Sara has been at Eddie's now
over two weeks, and we do not know
when she will come home — in her
last letter she says "write often if you
find time only to write a line."
then Eddie says that means she
is going to stay a spell longer.
We hope to be able to [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Amelia Evans has promised to come and stay all ~~the~~ next week with us and Mary will come the day we send the papers and the day before if we need her help to fold, sew &c. Amelia will do the house work and sew what she can. She has been here helping us this week but wanted to go home last night to stay till after Sunday. Eddie and I took her home in the cutter. The ride was a cold and rough one but we enjoyed it. I have to keep pretty close to my work now days, Lewis has just brought in the proof of the first side of first form.

Anna wishes to know whether you still want those pieces you once asked for of T. K. Beecher's — we have found some in some of the old Corporal's and if you wish we will send them. — We are sorry we have been so long without sending you anything of the kind. Did you receive that etymology of [illegible] Ames' that I sent you some time since? I hope it was not lost.

When H. T. Jones and his wife were here they wished us to remember them very kindly to you — I did not understand, and so did not mention it in my last. — They are preparing to go West very soon — are to sell there household goods at auction the 30th inst. — Your friends about here do not forget you — almost every one that comes makes particular enquiries after your welfare. Please let us hear soon from you [illegible] your mother & sister

[illegible] March 23 1871

Dear Daughter

As Ben is about starting off I may have time to write a few lines we are about as well as usual at our hurry father did not sleep very well last night is pretty smart this morning. Lewis does pretty near all the writing on the numbers and Annie [illegible] for him it is a great help for your father
How does Mary get along with her practice and how does she stand the fatigue. do you continue to gain have had any spasms lately
does Mary think you will get along better there than if you came home, I do not want to interfere with your plans would be sorry to do that
I forgot tell you that Annie has

done all the folding this
month this relieved the girls
a good deal and she liked to do
it. Amelia Evans is goin to
teach our school this summer
Elin R or Thomas has gathered
breasts she is quite feeble
the baby was quite sick sunday
they were afraid it would not live
Mary Griffiths is very feeble, has
a fever in the afternoon, she
is very low indeed
our ground has been clear of snow
for some time yesterday it snowed
alday and to day they can go
to the village in the sleigh
this copy of your Uncle Nath
to Uncle Henry we send you that
you may read it plain since it bent
as your father went to keep it
we all join in love to you both
very Affectionately your father and
mother R & E Everett

Remsen [illegible] 25/74

Dear Daughters

You will be anxious to hear from home as our girl left unceremoniously before Jennie sent her letter off, yesterday Laura Griffiths came and made us a bach of pies and some cake and said she might come next week if we liked, Caroline has not come home from Barreg Fawr yet I am much better but not good for much yet and so can not get along without taking Jennie from the office

How would it do for Anna to come home for a month and go back you consult

I inclose ten cents on pencil account for John Eddie

each other and let us
know. can she dress
warm enough for the
journey it was ~~too~~ storming
to have a singing school
last eve. this morn
they cleared the roads and
father and Cynthia are
going to Bible meeting to
our Church

Your Mother
in haste
E Everett

I can't tell ~~tell~~ how sorry
I am things are as they
are - perhaps we can get
help yet - don't let Anna
hurry home without writing
- if we can once get the
number of it will be easier
- are printing ^east side^ first - from Ida

Remsen Oct 8 1874

My Dear Children If I begin to write, perhaps I can not make much of it. I want to know how you are getting along and how J Edwin is getting along is he tired of New York is that large house all occupied and what are the prospects. It is very lonely at the Parsonage I assure you, we get along pretty well but Jenny is so tired all the time, doing what is to be done and the office work too I am very glad Annas health is improving and would like to have her stay a little more our help is small she is only 15 and been sick a some

but She is well now and is
very willing to do what she can
their school for winter begins
in Dec she will want to ge home
then, she is now sending an
old comforter she is pretty good
about mending and likes to do
it, your father and Mother
were calculating to go to church
meeting this afternoon but
it rains so and is so wet that
we thought there would
be no meeting, it rained
tuesday evening and has
and has been quite wet ever
since. and is so dark that I
can scarcely see to write
Dr Williams has been very
sick he had the pluerisy ~~on the~~
and congestion of the
lungs I understand and was

not able to say more than two
or three words at a time. your father
called to see him yesterday he
is better but very feeble yet —
among other things he enquired
about Cynthia he told your
when he would be writing
he might ask you if you had
given her "Bromide of Potash" given largely that was good
in her case ~~of Potash" given largely~~ does good.
father called to see Gruffith W.
Roberts ~~he~~ has trouble is ~~in~~ the
~~s~~pine is paralized and he
can not use his limbs but little ~~at~~
~~all~~ but is some better and
was able with help to get
in his chair

your Mother

Dear Mary - Dr Williams wished me to ask you, whether you had given Cynthia "Bromide of Potash given largely" He named some prominent Physicians that recommend it much for nervous affection. with which C. is troubled.

We are anxious to know whether John Eddie's begins to feel at home in his new school - Will he feel "very homesick" after Anna comes home? - are the boys kind to him? and do you think he will improve?

We feel the loss of Anna a good deal - but I must let Jennie and your mother to speak about that. We are all anxious to know how comfortable you are - or whether any new troubles arise.

As to our health there is nothing special to say - Your mother went with me to the Qrt. Mthly Meeting at Remsen last Fri. up & had a very good meeting - stopped at noon at Mr D M Davies, near the meeting house.

We all join in love

Your father

Remsen Aug 2 1875

My dear Daughter

I received your letter Saturday eve and Sarah's before that and feel quite concerned in what you say about Cynthia it must weaken her very much, but as you say it may be a turning point with her which I hope it is, any how it must be a very critical time for her, and we shall be very anxious and hope you will let us know as often as you can

Remsen [illegible]

Dear Daughters

We received your letter yesterday saying sis had her baby cold and it was with difficulty you got her warm we feel anxious to hear again. William is in Glyn Evan took his letter for him he did not come to prayer meeting last eve at Mr Griffiths

The girls are in haste starting to [illegible] so I am hurried [illegible] How would it do for you to get some

woman to take care of
Sis now she is so poorly
- it must be hard for
you without

Let us know what
it will probably cost -

We went to camp
meeting yesterday and
saw Mary Ann Ames
and husband, father
and mother - they
all sent much love
to you

[illegible] Sept 13 1875

My Dear Daughter,

your letter came day of the putting in Kenmore and your piano and sent it yesterday Friday morning but it is some minutes to late for that day and I am afraid you did not get it until to day, we all feel very bad for you and for the girls and are afraid of the result of your selling as you are not equal to the task can you not sell much of them by private way it will cost a good deal to an Auctioneer, would the person that has taken the house not take the carpets as they are fixed in the house but that would not do unless they would pay the money down for them. it is foolish for me to

try to advise as I am quite
ignorant about such things
how does Mrs Jones feel about
your trouble we all feel bad
Cousin Mary is with us and it
seems good to have her here
in our trouble, I hope Sis will
be as easy as she can about
it, how are you all there we
want to hear from you as soon
as you can conveniently we are
very anxious to know what course
you will take and how you
are getting along.
May the Lord sustain you
and direct your future
I will send to the village this
evening to see if Williams went
to [illegible], as he meant to perhaps
he will ride up if he did
not go it was a very wet

afternoon and evening for
[illegible] Josie Anna an
Frank went, came home
before evening meeting
we all join in love to each of
you very affectionately your
Mother Elizabeth Everett.

Remsen Oct 11 1875

My Dear Daughter

I have been wanting to write to you as I am afraid you must be lonely after you get settled by yourself and your sisters left you but I have not been very well for three or four days, but I am better to day and yesterday it was nothing as I know of but my old trouble we were very glad to get your letter and hear you say how you were getting along does your practice continue good have you lost practice by moving we all went to meeting yesterday morning and we all stood it very well, and enjoyed being there it was a cold damp day, in the evening there was a prayer meeting but it was wet and we did not go

[illegible] hastily. [illegible] Write as often as you can and write again S A E

I will tell you a little about my practise, about two week ago Jane was sick I could not find out from Lewis nor the children what was the matter with her only that she was not very well. Anna and I went to see her and found her in bed she had company staying [illegible] and in a day or two she was taken flowing,
I remembered that I had been giving a Neighbour of ours in the old country, ¼ of an ounce of Isinglass disolved in half a pint of sweetmilk which releived her and I had some Isinglass in the house, and she took it and it helped her I thought it would be no harm to let you know it.

Dear Sister Mary,

Mother gave me this asking me to write a few words. I am sorry we have been so negligent in writing to you. I hope you have not been anxious nor very lonely. It seems good to be at home and we often wish you were with us. Is Miss Rice with you still? I have not seen her sister yet. Cynthia is a good deal the same. Her stomach has troubled her a great deal but it is much better the last few days. She has been pretty nervous most of the time but not more so, I think, than she was much of the time before we came home. She had a spasm yesterday not very hard, she seems pretty comfortable today. It is almost four weeks since she had one

of her hard spells. I have had a
bad cough since coming home
and Sis thinks perhaps you can
tell me what to take for it.
but I hardly think you can for
I am such a poor hand to describe
my feelings. You know I took
cold some time before I left P.
Y. I think I took a little more
the day I came home and have
been adding to it occasionally
since as I have had opportunity. I do
not feel sick but have very hard
spells of coughing. It is rather a dry
cough and I can't make it scratch
where it ~~tickets~~ tickles. Don't
trouble about it if you don't think
of any thing readily, if it does not
get better I will write again. Did
I leave my large scissors with

you! I lost one of my best kid gloves on the way home I am afraid unless I lost it in the tunnel, there before I started I thought they were in my pocket and did not take them out at all on the way but when I got home I could only find one. Jim is just starting to the

[illegible] Jan 5 1871

My Dear Daughter

It is some time since I wrote to you nor have heard from you I hope you are not sick but we are anxious to hear from you, Cynthia and William were better when I wrote to you last she [has] been much better and had no bad spell for 10 weeks, had company twice was pretty nervous at the time, but no bad spell she went with the girls to John D Griffiths tuesday night went in the slay as far as the church and as the going was so bad they put the horse under the shed there and walked from there it was pretty warm in the house she did not feel so well next day, Joseph Jones and Wife from Trenton were here in the afternoon she was quite cheerful

each of us, all from mother
and I think she was to Evans it
to rest her but she had two
hard spells wednesday night
one about 11 o clock and another
about 1 and again 3 felt pretty bad next
morning, we had prayer meeting
here thursday night, she stood it
pretty well and she is gaining
she is now building the fire
against morning in the back
kitchen, she has helped a
great deal with different
things. William has had the
Ashma again, but I do not
think it was so hard as it was
before, we do not know what is
best to give him. he has not take
much for it we do not know what
is best to give him. We feel anxious
to know how you are getting on with
your business you had better not
try to send that money if you are
short I would not by any means

money you send & we will get along, hoping you will write
home soon, and let us know how you are, much love from

Remsen. November 8 1876

My Dear Daughter

Perhaps you would like to know how we are at home this evening, Well this morning Wm and Sarah started for Hillsdale, will stay in Utica tonight and go on their journey tomorrow, Jennie went to Utica with them will come home tomorro or in a day or two, they fell bad to start so did we to have them go it is lonely without them Anna is writing the index for December Number Mary Jane is in the back kitchen ironing and Eddie with her Mr Davies is sitting in this room and his little boy is reading his Bible he has not found a place for him yet Richard is gone

to the villag on an errant
I sent that document first to
John, he sent it to Elizabeth she to
Eddie and yesterday it came
here Lewis sighed it this
morning and Jennie took it
to Utica, I received that wrapper
you sent me and I thank you
for it hope you not deprived
yourself in sending it I can cut
the sleeves of the other if I conclude
they will be as warm as flannell
How do you get along with your
practice are you able to make
something more than to pay
for your rent please let us
know hope you will be able to
get along, excuse me for asking
you — Just had a card from
Jennie that we need not send to meet
her untill Saturday we will go & bring
her home good night with love
from Anna and Mother. Elizabeth
Everett

Ransom Feb 24 1877

Dear Daughters

I think if I begin to write a few lines I may send it off monday got Mary's letter thursday evening and Anna's in the afternoon I need not tell you we are glad to hear how you were getting along. am glad Mary has got her a cloak hope it will be a comfort for her if Anna would like to buy her a cloak I will send some money for that I do not beleive she ever will take any comfort with that thick heavy cloak after it has been spoiled so much. I am glad you get along so comfortable but wish you could get some meat for dinner is there a restraunt near where you could get some without much trouble my health is about the same

I think it was not so well for
me to walk when [illegible] as with
crutches I put more weight on my foot
it made it swell more
Monday it has been thawing since friday
they did not take the horse to
church the girls did not go
Sarah not very well but was up
all day doing what was wanted is
not so well this morning the rest of
us are well I send five to get some
meat for dinner or anything
Love from each of us to you both
Affectionately Mother
Elizabeth Everett

Remsen Nov 15 / 1876

My dear Daughter & Son

I was glad to get your letter monday and to find you reached hillsdale safe and pretty well after having a comfortable journey

your father and mother went to prospect Saturday they were well there, they called to see Mr Thomas s Widow, she and Evan Thomas and Wife and family were in church sunday Mr Hughes preached from II Corrinthians 6-17 verse with referanse to the sickness and death a good sermon, I was going to say that your father and Mothe were in prospect he went home with the horse and your Mother staid with

much love to Elizabeth and family Jennie wants me to tell William that we had a hay ride.

Jennie cake this morning from that new meal

us and with us to meeting in the morning we were very glad to have her with us as Jennie failed to come from Utica. she bought some Black Ladies cloth for a dress and Cousin Mary got Miss Hughes for a day she could not stay longer so Ella and Jennie sewed on it until Monday afternoon and got it nearly finished, it looks well Ella came here with Jennie monday, and went with Anna to turn last evening, Ella wants to get home friday Clarence will expect her, that will be her birthday, and she was afraid he would not give her a birthday present if she did not come that day

I do not know if Anna will stay over the sabbath or not I hope the visit will do her good if she does not take cold John Eddie likes the school in the village and so does Maggie too they were not put down stairs there were 51 in the room he was in to day it snowed here in the night last night all went off in the day it is pretty mild this evening
Richard has carried all the wood except some limbs for summer wood if the weather will allow he will cary in part of a day
has been threshing time to day Jemmie is very tired this evening she has worke very down an

the office since she came home and I am afraid her going to Utica did not do her so much good being she sewed so close on her dress there, hope she will not break down

will Jones was in the village this afternoon and called here to see if we had heard from you I gave him your letter, your Mother had seen your car from Cleavland Saturday night,

am sorry to send you such a trash of a letter but it will be better than nothing it is after nine Richard and Eddie are gone to bed Mary Jane send love love from Jennie and Mother

Elizabeth Everett

My Dear Daughters

We received your letters yesterday at the same time as one from Elizabeth it was some time since we had heard from them before and I was anxious to hear from her. I had begun to write to her when the letters came I finished that to her and sent it off with J Eddie this morning. Elizabeth says I can not report much change in myself yet. though the prospects seem more hopful. The Dr seems to understand the case I think as he has had others like it which yealded to his treatment I think his medicines are working well. and that I shall soon be gaining, my appitide

Mary, what do you think is best to do any way about it? Mother is troubled that it is left so long and you know how hard it is to find the right time to consult with Lewis.

is good, and I sleep well; I can
not expect to get well at once
it came on so graduauly but
the Dr says when I once get well
started I shall mend faster
Did I tell you I had a ride out
last saturday., It was a very nice
day William brought the sleigh
close to the door and drew
me in the rocking chair
to the door, then Eddie and
him took hold of the chair and
put me niely in the sleigh, and
drove as far as Lewis s by the
veranda; Willm. and Pat took hold
of the chair and drawed me in
to their sitting room, staid
there about an hour and was
brought back without being
from the chair it was quite
refreshing to have such a ride
it was 12 weeks next day since
I was out before

is it best for me to make an effort
to wak with the cruches as much
as I can I have not walke more
than twice a day, I get tired
sitting down and I get tired
in bed and sometimes think
the bed keeps me weak
perhaps I ought to try ~~to~~ walk
more you ask if my limb is dark
coulor it is some not much and
dints a little but does not stay so
but for a little while, the
swelling is not so hard as
it was last week my limb
does not pain me and I sleep well
I will leave now Love to you
both from each of us
very Affectionately
Mother
Elizabeth Everett

im glad
that you need that
money you had better
pay your rent and not keep it
pay that is to pay
thursday I have walked more yesterday
and think I have been keeping too still
I feel better by walking

-Wednesday this morning my letter was accidentaly taken out out of the envelope and left behind

Lewis is moving the office to day they have taken the stove and the standing press, they take them to the old house by (supposed guess) they are taking the other things as fast as they can

suppose we will feel loanome after they are gone

Mary what would you think of writing some thing of a biofaint for your Father, would be ~~easier~~ to have it done in the family. I do not know I thought something of it this morning, Lewis seems to be putting it off all the time I do not know that you will will not have much time

we have a calf this morning all well

Denison March 1st 77

My Dear Daughters

I forgot when I wrote to you to mention the 7 dollars Mrs Jones paid for Lewis I gave them to him I wish you to keep those you have and not send them to me I am afraid you have hard work to get along Dr Williams sent his bill it was 63 dollars and odd I sent 50 with William to pay him he was very thankful and said he had been in practice 13 years but he had not seen such hard times to get money he said 10 more would clear me and pay when I can there is a prayer meeting at Lauras this evening William is gone there Jennie went over

Richard leaves us today and another has just settled with him - he is going to Wm Evans' John Eddie has two more weeks of school - We sent the $5.00 each of the Miss [illegible] and have had a receipt. I hope you are getting the Youth Companion - we got a book Daniel Boone as a premium it came last night. Did you get that letter with $5 from me she sends [illegible] for [illegible] you [illegible] and dispose [illegible] and we will [illegible]

to Lewis's this Afternoon
to help get the [illegible]
out and meant to go from
~~there on the~~ crust to prayermeeting
Sarah and John Eddie are home
with me [illegible] are going to
have a prayer meeting tomorrow
evening at Mary Ann Jones's
and have the little boy baptised
I had a card from John this
week he was busy [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] to know that [illegible]
in usual health, the weather
was very mild almost like early
[illegible] only there are no flowers
Has Mary written to Elizabeth has
she learnt any thing about her
case [illegible] had a letter from her
[illegible] she says I am able to get
around better than when Sarah
left and I can do more sewing
I am trying a new physian a botanic

Doctor he says the trouble is
in my liver he says as that
trouble which causes the widing
are lameness is removed I may
hope to get better of my lameness
I hope it may be so. at least I thought
it best to try. I did not like to
take strychnine so much I began with
him yesterday will write if there is any
improvement
Jennie rubs my limb twice a day for
about 20 minutes at a time we hope
the swelling is not quite so hard
Yesterday I wrote to wales to sister
Jane I have been wanting to write
to her for a long time but put it off
Jennie wrote half a sheet full
they have come home from meeting
Mr Hughes and Richard prichard
went to waterville Monday and
came back yesterday they went
there to see Morris Roberts
who is there with Mary

he is very sick there and too
feeble to come home the Dr.
said he does not think he will
ever see Remsen. he was so glad
to see them that he cried like
a child

Dear Anna, — I have been looking
over the account at Plymouth and
have made the bills which I in
tend sending to the Rev. Edwards.
I hope you will not have troubled
about it. I was tired out — I wrote
before. — We are having such plea-
sant weather that it must be hard
for New York to beat. Wm & I walked
across on the crust from Laura's
after prayermeeting. Lewis promises
to print [illegible] the first of
this month. They got along nicely
yesterday with the [illegible] John Thomas
is at work making the old house
ready for a printing office. I do

not know when they will move the things [illegible] have a nice [illegible] Lewis [illegible] will say [illegible] it [illegible] this [illegible] was there [illegible] going to the village [illegible] home [illegible] rather [illegible] father were [illegible] when [illegible] Ellen (Jiff) was going [illegible] like a well [illegible]

My Dear Daughters

We received Jennies letter last evening were very glad indeed to get it hope you have the one which Anna and I wrote and that you do not feel uneasy about us home we are getting along very well now it will be some satisfaction [illegible] that Dr. I am very sorry Marys health is poor. it has been so for some time I wish I could advise what to do, you know we will be glad to see you at home perhaps that will be the best thing for you to do, we will feel very anxious if you stay there and do not get well, do you want me to send you some money to pay your way home hope Jennie will write if she will want any she does not say anything about that but I do not know if the Dr will charge much

get well. I think the Dr's left about 3 o'clock and about 5 Mary Ann ran over and said he was dying. John, Eddie Wm & I went over but he had rallied a little. He did not talk any, whether he realized his condition or not [illegible] we thought he did. After he died just before the clock struck nine. Wm & I and a good many others went there when he died. I wish Mary could leave her business a few weeks and come home. It must be very warm in New York.

Yours &c

Guess Who.

send Mary 5 dollars if you want more let me know and 5 for Jennie

W will send P.O. Order [illegible] name $10

Anna and your Mother went by an invitation to Laura and Caroline yesterday there were a large company there 18 or so. Mary Roberts store [illegible] Didimus folks J.K's folks Timothy and the lady he boards with &c &c we enjoyed our visit there very much and reached home when it began to rain and it thundered and rained hailstones quite heavy for several hours, when we were in bed.

Very Affectionately Mother

I have just come up from making butter. It looks very nice notwithstanding the thunder last night. Indeed we have had very good weather for butter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I shall commence the fourth tub today. I fear we have not given you the particulars of Mr. [illegible] death. He seemed rather better Friday evening and was more quiet through the night, but Mrs. [illegible] noticed that his mind wandered a little. Sat. morning he was much worse. He did not notice anything, though he was still able to get up to his chair. They sent for Dr. [illegible]. He and the two Dr's Wiggins were there together in the afternoon. They said if he could stand 48 hours he might

Remsen Tues morn July 13

My Dear Daughter

three week days after to-
-morrow your last letter was dated
in which you said you would
write again in a few days
but we are afraid you or Lizzie are
sick or both sick, every mail that
comes the last 8 or 10 days your father
asks first thing, is there any thing
from Mary, Cynthia wrote to you
last friday he put in 15 dollars hope
you have had them and that we shall
hear from you, we were very glad
to meet Kate Howells on saturday
the 3 in Utica and to learn that
Lizzie was comfortable when she left
Billy Prichard is going to Rome to day
to see the Dr the think is very bad
his father is quite sick yet but

but some better they hope.
he does not sit up but very
little
your father took the last
Powder last night of the higher
potency, I have some of
the other which I shall give
if he needs some
will you be able to send some
more I should not like to get out
by any means, I do not know
what I should do if I get out
of medicine
must send this off now
hope to hear from you soon
we all join in love
Affectionately yr Mother
Eliz Everett.

Dear Mary. I think this letter of mother's cannot fail to move you to write, unless you have broken your arm or become in some other way disabled. Father is going to Kennedy this morn and says he expects two things, a letter from Mary, and to see Eddie. We have heard that he is coming home this week and going to get some of us to go with him to see Anna. I wish you were near enough for us to visit yourselves. We have beautiful wild strawberries this year I wish you could all enjoy them with us. Father has preached every Sabbath during Mr. Phillips absence e[illegible] the last Sabbath. Mr. J. C[illegible] from Irvine was here, father was also home and I went with him to Penn. He is going to collect to remove a debt of $[illegible] on the little church on Eng. Hill. We are all well, and join in love to all

Cynthia

When I sent my last letter Sat. evening ( ) I felt that I was omitting something important, but could not think what it was. It was this, that if you had unlimited means, it would [illegible] though one had unlimited means, and best [illegible] as you [illegible] the best [illegible]

Remsen, N. Y., 4/29/12

My Dear Nephew;

I fully intended in my letter, which will ~~reach that I was~~ omitting something of importance in my letter that started to you last Saturday evening, and will probably reach you today or tomorrow, ~~meaning this~~ to say, that if you had unlimited amount of money, it would not be best for you to take the summer term, as the mind is fresher and more vigorous for the next year, if one shuts up his books at the close of the year, and does not open them till the ~~opening~~ opening of the session next year. And aside from this, the summer term seems intended for those who have not been able to keep in the full course, of the year, and it would not probably be of any special benefit to you. You have had enough book lore for the present, and now want to develope the physical, putting your physical training in practice and thus get strong, for the coming years. I hope you have some gymnasium set to do, at least a pitching or training

broad &c From now to 20 you want to do a lot of that kind of sitting for your life work, which will I trust be valuable and useful. ~~When~~ About the time your last letter came I had Having occasion to write to [illegible] and enclosing your letter for his reading. His reply I enclose. What one learns from books is not all that one gains from a college course, Contact with men and things what one sees [illegible], is of the greatest value. As you will be where you can visit the [illegible] museums of history and art it would be a change and a storehouse of knowledge. Could you not [illegible] to some place. However I would give you some points as to things, I would be glad to have [illegible] things from mind and your eyes now a rest and change.

Dear Daughter,

Hugh Thomas's family are in deep Afliction. They buried Watkin tuesday. Mary died, and their father is very low if alive,

With all our trouble Cynthia is very nervous she has had no bad spell only a spasm and crying spell, slept pretty well last night.

am glad you enjoyed your visit to Mrs Hogg. wish you we nearer so as you could come home without losing much.

Next sunday Mr Hughes will preach a funeral sermon in Memory of Frank.

We were so busy or would write to you sooner.

How are you getting along for money? I must send this.

with love.

Mother E. Everett.

If you come home only for a day or two, I would be glad to pay your way

[illegible] Monday [illegible] 27

My [illegible]

I [illegible] this [illegible]
to the [illegible] [illegible] going [illegible]
[illegible] to send [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
went [illegible] [illegible] with the
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] my foot and leg is [illegible]

so hard, but is pretty stiff yet —
do you hear from Charlie? I
am [illegible] there is not much better,
I am [illegible]

We had such a nice time with our ride and visit: Especially our visit and ride home, the roads were much better on our return ride and we knew our way and whereabouts so much better. We stopped with Libbie Owens on our way up and had a good visit there. They were both pretty well and welcomed us very cordially and fed both us and our horse. We fed the horse in Boonville coming home, You sent us those bright flowers to tell us how fast the season is advancing with you — They are ahead of you in Turning — we saw three or four men making a load of hay! as we were coming

home — can you beat that?
We have a good many blossoms, and Mabel gave us a nice bouquet and some fresh tomatoes to bring to mother! Some of our tomato plants are 4 or 5 in. high!
Mother went to David Irvin's for a little ride and call Thursday. She will hardly be able to go again very soon as the roads are softening. We shall be very glad when the roads get nicely settled and the spring frosts are passed. I always dread having those I love on the bad roads during the spring thaws and Anna, I hope, will not worry about coming home too soon. We will get along as well as we can and leave many things till &c — till she comes.
Lewis told Wm last night after meeting, that they had just been

to see Mrs John L. Dames. She is very sick — but for a heated and worn out.

Mate thought Lowell had the measles. He has the symptoms but it had not come out. If he has John Eddie will probably have them. Edward gives Lowell the remedies noted in the book. Edward jammed his finger quite badly Saturday just before dinner He almost fainted when at the table but felt better when we started. He took some and arms

He feels much relieved since getting out of the firm. He is in the store however most all the time attending to collecting debts — as they bring in the spring tubs they settle some — it will take some time to get all. They all feel cheerful and Edward looks fuller in the face. Wm is most ready to start so I must close with love your mother's sister [illegible]

intending going to the village this afternoon to see if there is any prospect for any scholars. We will try to write again soon. Much love to all Mr. M's family and to Cornelia and you in particular.

Dear Anna,

We did not go to the village this afternoon as we thought of doing, but we hope to go tomorrow. Mary and I spoke with several with regard to you getting a class in music, some seemed to think quite favourabley of it and others were rather fearfed as there so few instruments in the place. Ruth seemed quite anxious to take lessons and Mary Douglas did not know but she would. We have not seen the Montague's yet. I am sorry we did not send the velvet of your bonnet before. Perhaps you can not get it done much before you come home but if there is a good milliner there you can perhaps get it done better than

you could here. Mary wishes you would send a pattern of a young jacket if you can. Ellen Jones sleeps with me. I shall be glad to get you back again. We shall write to you again very soon. Give my love to Miss Shattuck. Sarah

I have had a letter from Elis=
abeth this week. They were all well.
E. enquired for you. Have you written
to her yet? Lewis and family are well.
We have just had a letter from
Sarah Maria, which I will try to copy
for you as I must send it also
to Elizabeth.

I was very glad to get Miss Northrup's
letter but I cannot answer it today
I am not feeling very bright.
We think I am beginning to
have the mumps. At any rate
there is a very promising swelling
just below my right ear. I had
intended to make you a visit
before the hurry of this month
should be upon us, but I must
give it up. We shall be very
glad to see you home again.
I do not know what advice to
give you in regard to getting
that piano. Sarah and Sis are

Rem... Thur. 16

My Dear Daughters

It is some time since we had a letter from you. the last brought the intelegense of the death of Mr Parry. you must have felt it much. what a trial to his wife and children does she stay there yet?
I have something of a cold and do not know as I will be able to write any thing as I ought to —
Sarah was taken sick day before yesterday, but not very bad until about ten yesterday she was very sick for four or five hours; was not so sick this winter — she is pretty comfortable to day but has not sat up any — I am afraid she worked too hard the first two days this week.
Anna took that medicine you told her last night, it make

her pretty sick - her bowels [illegible] in
her and she has some diarrea she
was pretty weak before had the
nosebleed several times - the roads
are so bad she has not been able
to go out for some time and
has not much appetite
we had a letter from Elizabeth
yesterday they were pretty well
only had colds, could one of you
write to them they are anxious
to hear from you and to know
how you both are getting along
direct to them - Lewiston Maine
Tommy was passing J. Pierce's
last saturday, and saw [illegible]
& m got the inclosed about
the [illegible] girls Tommy is leaving
in the begening of April, and is
going to work for Pierce Williams.
Robbie Henry is coming here
we feel anxious to know how
you both are - how does Mary stand
to have more practice hope Lis con
tinues to gain, had a letter

from Eldee last evening they
were all well, they are doing
without help and Mate did her
own washing this week. the baby
grows nicely and begins to laugh
and notice them, (this is friday)
Jennie and Anna are gone over
to Mrs Jones s this afternoon across
lots, it is very dull hope it will
not rain before they come back
we all join in love to you both
hoping to hear from you soon
Affectionately Your Mother

Elizabeth Everett

Steuben near Remsen
Feb. 10. 1871

To the C[redacted] Church
of Denbigh

Dear brothers & Sisters;

I received with my dear brother Nathaniel Roberts; your kind Address, in the remarkably beautiful handwriting of Mr. Bellis. which will doubtless be carefully kept by my children and grandchildren after I have slept in death. I thank you with a [redacted] heart for your kind and [redacted] remembrance of of the Morning years of My ministry in Denbigh. I saw much kindness and experienced much comfort with those who have long ere this left this present state

Few are left who were members of the church at that time, very few – they have gone, we trust, to purer friends and to the enjoyment [redacted] happiness than can be had here.

But I am glad to think of the many faithful brothers & sisters who have come in from time to time to take the place of those who were faithful in his house during their season with the great cause; and that the church and congregation present now so favorable an aspect.

We have seen many changes with the [redacted] cause in America during the long years we have been here. Some seasons have been successful and very happy & others unsuccessful but the lack of success is always on our side and not on His.

We have seen strange seasons in the public affairs of the country. Heavy and dark was the ... of the great [redacted] rebellion which arose not ... being burdens imposed by their superiors, but which was raised by the slaveholders (uchelfrydig) in pledging for the purpose of extending to future generations, and extend the vilest and most damnable system that the sun ever shone upon.

[redacted]

New York Dec 28, 1849
707 Broadway —

Mrs. Eliza Everett

Dear Madam.

Your letter has been received and your Daughters Case very carefully considered. You require for her relief Braces and supporter. The Medicines with the Instruments will cost $20. The Med- alone 15. — —

Having been successful in similar cases, I think these remedies will benefit her. I shall be happy to assist her, all in my power. Should you conclude to have her treated, please direct carefully how a Package shall be sent.

My time being so unceasingly occupied with my Patients, it is impossible to attend to collections, and I should feel most gratefully obliged. if they could make it convenient to pay when the order is given. Yet in all cases, I will do all in my power to oblige them. It is usually perfectly safe to send money by mail or Express.

Very Truly Yours.

S. S. Fitch

New York Feb 7. 1850
707 Broadway

Mrs E Everitt

Dear Madam

I am happy to know your daughter is better and hope by using all remedies faithfully and judiciously, she will be essentially benefitted, encourage her appetite with delicate food she may fancy, Isinglass prepared in many forms is very nutritious, If much pain in back the salt & water bandage worn around body will be of great service, Omit the foot baths if feet are very cold, rub them well with hot rum, to promote circulation & I send her a fresh supply by Mr Griffiths as she may need more before an opportunity offers for you to send to New York

Yours Truly S. S. Fitch

New York April 27/50
707 Broadway

Mrs Elizabeth Everett

Dear Madam

Your letter has been rec'd I am happy to know your daughter's health is improving and trust by using all remedies faithfully as directed she will regain comfortable health, peruse the Manual attentively and be guided by it. Use the Tonic wash for Whites as directed. Sponging with cold water will strengthen those parts a cold wet bandage worn around back and abdomen will remove the soreness, or if the distressed feeling proceeds from dyspeptic sufferings lay over chest and bowels a cloth wet in Salt and Brandy, use all judiciously. She should ride ~~& walk~~ out every fine day if strength will permit if only a short distance
I send to day per direction a fresh supply of Med and hope they will continue to have a happy effect

Yours Truly — S. S. Fitch

[illegible] with, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Your S[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Oct [illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] they are well [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] John [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

weighed - over 105 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] been acquainted with [illegible]
[illegible] time would have been pleasant.
It is a beautiful part of the country [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the same [illegible]

Your aff[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Please kiss the baby for [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible]
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[illegible] and [illegible]
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[illegible]
[illegible] and the people [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Pastor
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

young married man) [illegible]

a few weeks ago, [illegible]

[illegible] Rheumatism, and [illegible]

disease [illegible] Heart. [illegible]

[illegible]
o Came in the elevator

[illegible]

health in the [illegible] [illegible] he was but
17 [illegible] but six months, has been sick ever
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] month
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] is not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
quickly cured, we are [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Thomas
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] when you
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] up [illegible] to [illegible] Bridge [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] will bring you to [illegible]
of West, good by, [illegible] heart [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

United States Postal Card

WRITE THE ADDRESS ONLY ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

To Mrs. Elizabeth Everett

Remsen

Oneida Co

S. Clark for Iowa [illegible] my [illegible]

[illegible]

Wed July 19 1876

Dear Friend

I slept [illegible]
Saturday all night [illegible]
all day [illegible] to see
them. [illegible] sick
but now better [illegible]
night [illegible]
[illegible] longer,
though my visit with
you refreshed me very
much [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] home. Then
there will be [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Jefferson Cook Co. Ill
Decr 17th 1864

Dear Sister

Your letter of the 14th Ultimo was duly received and ought to have been answered long ago but I feel it quite an effort to concentrate my thoughts and place them on paper, we were sorry to hear of your sickness since we saw you, but rejoice to learn that your health is now improving, my health is yet somewhat feeble but a little better than when we were in Steuben — the other members of our family are in usual health — these frequent sicknesses are kindly sent by our Heavenly Father to teach us that we are passing away as it respects this life, and if sickness & pain will but cause us more longingly to look forward to that land where none of its inhabitants say, I am sick, they are blessings, I feel admonished by my impaired health to set my house in order, I cannot say that I have any premonition of my sudden decease yet such is the state of my health that my thoughts often dwell upon the transition from this world to the unseen — though often in doubt yet not without rays of light and joy. Ottie writes us that the time she passed with your family was very pleasant & profitable to her, your kindness to her will be held in grateful remembrance. I have thought much of Brother Everett's incessant labor, but I suppose he is determined to die with harness on. Your [illegible] Brandon were here three weeks ago on their way East they intended to see his wife's friends in Pa but probably they are with you ere this — Please remember us affectionately to Mr E & to all your numerous family and its branches

Very affectionately your brother

David

Jefferson Aug 1st 1866

Dear Aunt

I am home once again as you will see by the date of this letter though I am not yet fairly rested from my journey. I reached here last Friday afternoon. Cousin Sarah I presume gave you an account of me up to the time of my leaving Utica after leaving there I had a very pleasant trip home and though we were detained longer in Ohio than we expected to be. I found our family in usual health when I reached here. Father and Mother quite well and Grandmother

quite comfortable, ou her though
very feeble. They are all glad to
see me and I was glad to get home
again though our place looked somewhat
strange to me for father had moved
our house and built an addition
during my absence. However

"It is home wherever the heart is

Where its loved ones dwell

In cottages or palaces"

"Loved haunts or mossy dell

and no one knows this more fully than
a child of the West. Home to him
is not a peculiar locality where holy
memories throng but any place where
kindred meet

While with you I
remember hearing you speak of a
young orchard which had been nearly
destroyed by mice and since then
I learned that such trees may be
saved by grafting. If it is not too
late perhaps you can try it. Take

several twigs (if the tree is large) and graft the lower ends upon the tree below where it is girdled and and the upper ends above where it is girdled The sap will ascend through them to the upper part of the tree and the wound will heal, so a nursery man tells me. Vegetation here is much more forward than with you I often think of you among the snow clad hills but I suppose the snow has all disappeared [illegible] at least I hope it has for your sake however I enjoyed my visit there very much and only wish that I could have remained longer Why not some of you come out west and finish out the visit? How did cousin Sarah get home I hope her journey did not make her sick. I was very glad to hear by way of cousin Lizzie that Robert is better it is truly good news. Please remember me to him and to all the other cousins when you have an opportunity My acquaintance with them has been short but I do not forget them. It is nearly meal time and I must close. With much love to yourself & Uncle Guman Your aff niece M A Roberts

of F— Father [illegible] with the rest of the family [illegible] wish to be kindly remembered to all —

Oakland Nov— 1876

Dear Aunt & Cousins

Perhaps you will be surprised to receive a letter from me in California. I came here last August. Physicians advised the change, but I probably should not have come just when I did, had it not been [illegible] a cousin here, who was dangerously ill. My own health since sisters death has been very poor, I am better now and am getting quite fleshy since I came West, but I fear I shall never be able to endure much. Last month [illegible] at Sacramento and while I was there he received a letter from you. Before that through the Magazine they had learned of the death of cousin Cynthia. I think she must have been as Ottie was a very great sufferer - to them how sweet the rest of Heaven

must be, and how joyful the meetings with those who have gone before and then to be free from sin and forever with the Lord - We cannot wish them back. When sister died she had suffered so much and so long, I could only thank the Lord that the struggle was over and she at rest. I have thought of you and the cousins at Remsen often and wanted to write you especially after Uncle's death but I was not able. My head has troubled me almost constantly for the last three years, and I have been obliged to refrain from reading, writing and even thinking, as much as possible. Often the writing of a postal has made me miserable for twelve hours. My head does not trouble me as much as it did a year since, still I can read or write but very little. This is why you have not heard from me.

I have had to stop and rest my head but will try and finish this now. When at Sacramento Uncle

requested me to write you for him so you will have to take this as partly from him. He wanted I should tell you how he is. His sight is gone entirely so that he cannot perceive any difference between the light of noon day or the darkness of midnight. Three years ago at the time of John's marriage he could discern objects dimly. but soon after he became unable to do even this. His general health is good he says. but for the last few months he has been troubled with sleeplessness at night, and his feet swell considerably, and are often cold. He thinks it is because he cannot take sufficient exercise. He usually goes to the grocery (half a block) every day. Generally, when he appears at his gate, two or three children run for his hand, knowing his pocket is supplied with candy, but if none of his guides appear he can find his way with his cane by the fence, until he reaches the corner, and then two or three thumps

will bring the grocer or his son to guide him across the street. He seldom has to do this however, for the children are on hand. He manages to get some exercise at home. Their back yard is quite long and a walk from the back ~~yard~~ door goes the same length, so Uncle had a clothes line fixed parallel with this, and passing his hand over the line to keep him in the path, he can walk quite steadily back and forth. If he goes on the street after a walk of four or five blocks he seems tired, but I presume he could take more exercise if he had it regularly. His appetite is good. Minnie is kind to him. She reads the daily paper to him in the morning and a chapter in the Bible and then goes about her work (for she has no servant.) I know Uncle must have many lonely hours and it makes me sad to ~~though~~ think of his condition but

he seems very cheerful, and though physically blind I am glad he is not spiritually [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] Saviour. He seemed pretty interested in religious matter and [illegible] of the Bible. In religion however he has not much help from his [illegible]. John is a skeptic and does not hesitate to say so. Minnie is of such a make that is very hard for her to think [illegible] from John.

[illegible] be kind to Uncle, and I think John does too, but I [illegible] wish [illegible] Christians, John is home only two or three nights in a week. The rest of the time Uncle and Minnie are there alone. Just before Aunt died she made over the house and lot where they live to John. The building is an inferior one, one story [illegible] high, with three rooms and summer

kitchen below, and three rooms above. If John continues to be prospered I presume they will have a better house in a year or two. During the last two years he has made money very fast in the transportation of freight on the Sacramento river. The company own three steamers and seven barges and I believe intend to build another steamer and two barges in the spring. John owns so much stock that he has almost a controlling influence in the Company. He is Captain of one of the Steamers and cousin Thomas is Pilot on the barges. Thomas is pretty well and doing well pecuniarily, but I am sorry to have him where he can have no religious society and where he cannot be sure of having even the Sabbath, for sometimes the boats run upon the Sabbath. Anna's second husband (Dr Gilbert) does not seem to be any better than the first. He is in the southern part of the State while Anna has a dressmaking establishment in San Francisco and employs from three to six

women. She is always at work with no time to visit, and hardly any to rest, and has a hard time to get along. I think she has made considerable money but her husbands have helped to spend it. Both drank and I do not believe she will live with the Dr Gilbert again. Once in a while she goes to see Uncle for a day or so, but she cannot be spared often. Her first and great object seems to be to make money, but she is very energetic and industrious. She says she would like to have Uncle with her but she is not situated so as to care for him. Thomas comes to see Uncle once or twice a week and Sundays he reads some in your Magazine to him and tells him the news and they have a chat in Welsh and Uncle appears to enjoy it very much. When Minnie comes to the city she gets Uncle to come with her because she does not like to leave him

alone in the house though he insists he can stay as well as not. When in the city he usually puts up at the Cambrian House as Anna cannot lodge him very well. Uncle stoops much more than formerly but his eyes look quite natural except that one of them seems to have a slight film over it. He says the Dr's tell him his blindness is caused by disease of the optic nerve occasioned by the trouble in his back.

I believe I have told you all I can about Uncle and his family. As he grows old I think he lives more in the past, and everything connected with Wales or his childhoods home has a deep interest for him. I need not say he was very very glad to hear from you and wished to be most affectionately remembered to you all. While I was there he talked a great deal about Wales, his brothers and sisters, and friends of early days.

Dec 5th Since I began this letter I have been to St Helena but having left part of this

in my trunk at Oakland I was obliged to wait until I returned to finish it. I found the climate there delightful, the air very pure, dry, and bracing, but rather cold for me, so in company with my cousin (Mrs Towne) I returned to Oakland and day after to morrow we expect to go by ocean steamer to Santa Barbara. My health I think is improving. Clark has been in very poor health this winter. I have been greatly troubled about him but in her last letter Lizzie says he is much better. He has had polypi taken from his head twice this winter, and his lungs have been troubling him. If he was only a Christian I should not feel so badly about him. I think he needs another climate but he has such a large family (seven children) that it is difficult to move. He has felt the hard times very much and has had hard work to meet expenses this winter. I have wondered many

times how you were getting along. and
wished I had a few hundred dollars to send
you but if you knew how I was situated perhaps
you would smile and think I had better
wish for a few hundred to pay my debts with.
I do think of you all very often and Uncle Henry
and the Utica cousins also. Will you please
read this letter to Uncle Henry (some of you)
and tell him I want he should take part of
it as for him (I fear he cannot read it but I
have to write hurriedly) I have wanted to
write him but the letters I write home are
about all that I ought to do in that
line. I am sending a long letter but I
have had to write it piece meal. I think
I will stop now. I do wish I could see you
all and talk face to face. I should be
glad to hear from you, please direct to
Oakland Alameda Co California Care
of Ottie Towne. as I cannot tell
where I shall be. I expect to return to
Chicago in April My address there is 411 West Monroe
St. With much love Your niece & cousin Mary A. Roberts

Dear Aunt

Won't you come and
see us when Uncle comes West
Now don't say No if it is possible
for you to come for we would
be so glad to see you here in
Jefferson Then in justice to
yourself you ought to have a
little rest and recreation sometimes
Don't you believe the
journey and visit would do
you good. I do. Jennie seems
to think Miss Everett might
stay while you are gone with
her sister and I hope you will
be able to make some arrange-
ment of this kind so that you

… come for I believe a visit
from you and Uncle will do …
all good. Jennie and Anna too
we expect to see about that time
as well as you and Uncle so
you see we have made up our
minds for a grand visit Not
a little pleasure am I hoping to
enjoy from the visit of my
good Aunt. To be sure we have
little society here in Jefferson
and we live in a monotonous
way but we will try and make
it as pleasant for you as we can
and I think you will enjoy it
Grandma has just found out to
whom I am writing and so she says
"do send my love do." She is pretty
comfortable for her and the rest of
the family are in usual health Ottie
I suppose you know is in Ohio. How
is cousin Sarah now and the other

cousins I would like to see them all but I will try and keep my host of questions till I have a chance to put them verbally. Please remember me to all the cousins also to Uncle H. and family if you chance to see him. As to you and Uncle E. I hardly know whether it is worth while to send love. I expect so soon to see you but for fear I shall be disappointed I will send a small quantity and keep the remainder until you come so believe me as ever

Your aff niece M. A. Roberts

Dear Sister

I most cordially accept a somewhat pressing invitation of Mary Ann to second her effort to induce you to make us a visit this summer, another as favourable opportunity probably may never occur brother Henry a few years ago had a strong inclination to visit Illinois, it is not improbable if you should come that he might accompany you, we had heard some two weeks ago that Dr Everett was expected in Wisconsin in June and last week we received a letter from Jennie affirming the same, I trust that he will make his arrangement to make us a long visit and you might stay with us while he went to Wisconsin, to say that we would be glad to you all would be saying but little, come come, Please remember me most affectionately to your husband & family Your affte brother

David

Nathaniel is a brother of Robt. Everts or his wife Elizabeth

Troy, March 1, 1871.

Dear Sir;

I believe that my sister has informed you some time back that there were to be sold by auction and the house where she resides is sold both being the property of the same person, - both were sold in Oct. last, she will be obliged to look out for a house, and I shall be obliged to leave old home.

I expect to receive a notice next May to quit the land the 15th of Oct. next and the house and premises in May 1871. I am afraid when the time comes that I shall feel rather flat unless something turns out favorable before that time.

As I shall have a little time some in next summer, I feel a strong

inclination to pay you a visit next April or May to see your faces once more on the land of the living, and a number of nephews and nieces for the first time to meet. May the Lord grant life and health for it to be so. As I intend to see the crops of corn growing on the farm this year I shall want to return in June before the harvest.

My son is with me at home but my two daughters are married the eldest has two children a son and daughter they have lived at Gresford for upwards of 7 years, but they are removing in the course of a few weeks to a farm in Cheshire close to the river Mersey, 5 a 6 miles from Birkenhead on the way to Chester, a splendid farm, only it requires more capital to farm it well, than what he can bring together without borrowing.

My youngest daughter lives in Llansaintffraid near Llanllwni, they have one child, they

~~live~~ are doing well and live in plenty
It seems strange with us that my sister, myself and my daughter should be obliged to change our residence just about the same time.

Hall Square, Denbigh. — I am now at my sister's in Denbigh. She says that she will write to Mr Smith and family some of these next days. She and her daughter would be glad to come with me over but they are too much bound with the school to leave it. I think they are doing very well. I should be glad to receive a letter from you soon and whether you would be able to come with me through the country a little when I come.

My kind love to yourself and family Mr Smith and family and all relations.

Your affectionate Bro. [illegible]

Rosa Augt 11-1871

Dear Brot & Sister

I should have written to you sooner, but I was aware that you would be informed of our arrival in safety. We had a pleasant passage on the whole, but it was very cold of the time of the year. Alexander enjoyed it as well as myself, only he was not able to walk about much. I think his health has improved but he is not relieved much of the Rheumatism he has been stopping at Rhyl now for above a week, and he thinks he is getting stronger.

The first thing nearly that I saw when I reached home was an advertisement in the paper that Rosa Vawr Farm was to be let by Tender (to the highest bidder). A person that lives at present at Dyffryn Maelor, two miles above Rosa, made haste at once and went to Carnarvon to take it

and it seems at present that Rosa has
been let to him, without giving me a chance
to try to take it. I do not believe that there
is another man in the country that would
have done such a thing. I have had a Sale
by Auction here yesterday on the Growing
Crops, all was sold for a moderate price
amounting to £323. I expected it would
have done a little more. My Servant Girl
(& housekeeper) is going to leave me this
month to get married, all things to-
-gether, I feel a little difficult to keep
up under. I try to trust in Providence
which has cared for me all my life time
He is faithful. May the Lord assist me
I saw a letter yesterday from Sarah
to Elizth we were all gratified by
receiving it & feel much obliged to her
for Starting the correspondence, which
I hope will not die away. I shall always
think with pleasure of the pleasant
time I spent there. I had left all

my Carts at home. but when I returned
they met me again. It has been very
cold & wet Summer here I understand
but now since August has commenced
we have had an uncommon hot weather
and the harvest is fast progressing
We have had in Denbigh Castle last
monday a Grand Coral Festival which
has been kept annually since a few Years
(Sacred Music). There was between 40
& 50 Choirs belonging to the Congregational-
-ist of Flintshire, Denbighshire & Meirionethshire
containing about 15,00 singers. it was
a complete success.
The Steamer we came with was the Wyoming
of the Guion Line, we started on the 12 and arrived
on Sunday the 23rd went strait to Bromborough
& stopped to nights there with my daugh-r Jane
and came home on tuesday even-g. I have been
busy last week with the hay harvest and
something calling me from home this week
which affords some excuse for not writing
sooner - I hope to be favoured with a letter

in return. Next time I hope to be able to tell you what has turned out in providence in my circumstances. I am sorry to say that my sister Jane is not so well as usual, she is at present at Tryl with Alexr. We all join in kind love to you all as family hoping to see some of you over here ere long. Your Affecte Brother

Nathaniel

DENBIG
AU 12
71

Revd Robt Everett D.D.

Remsen

Oneida Co

New York

N. A.

U. S. General Hospital
Annapolis Md.
Feb. 18. 1865.

Mrs. Everett

We have just unpacked a barrel of Hospital stores sent by your Aid Society, and finding your address, I take pleasure in acknowledging your benefaction. The articles are affording relief and comfort to the suffering soldiers in this hospital. May heaven's richest blessings be the reward of the kind hearts which sent those things.

Thousands of Union prisoners are arriving from the horrible prisons of the South, every week, and we

continue to come for some weeks yet. They all land here, and have to be provided for. Hundreds of them are carried into the Hospital, and need Stimulants, and especially the preparations of the Blackberry. We are called upon for Handkerchiefs, Towels, Socks, and under clothing, Paper, Envelopes, Combs, and a great variety of other articles. I have not the time to write out for you facts and incidents affecting the work, but have ordered the Annual Report sent to you, in which you will see what we are doing at Annapolis.

Most gratefully and respectfully, J. A. Clark. Agent
U. S. C. Com.

Wednesday noon
September 20. 1876

Dear Grandma

Your letter was
received this morning; we are
very sorry to learn Cousin Cyn
thia's death, but glad she is
released from so much suf-
fering. Mama will try and
come out, though is not certain
she can, for Uncle Alley is not
as well today. Some of us will
be out there. I took your letter
to Grandpa, he is feeling quite

will today. Fannie is ready to mail this now, so I will just add if you have any errands you would like me to do, I shall be very happy to attend to them. Your loving niece

Ella Williams

Belle said she would send word to Mr. Hughes

SEP
23
N. Y.

Mrs. Elizabeth Everett
Remsen
New York

[illegible]

Dear Aunt [illegible]

[illegible] receiving your very kind letter. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] gentlemen [illegible] mother [illegible]

[illegible] the time [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

few miles from where [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] with them [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] we received information they [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] for not writing — we [illegible]

[illegible] week — Since the [illegible]

[illegible] from [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

The [illegible]

health [illegible]

finding it also very profitable for that [illegible]

put up a small house such as we [illegible]

shanty, setting one end aside for sleeping [illegible]

[illegible] (wine [illegible]

[illegible]) [illegible] R.

Brother John officiated as cook, and also [illegible]

[illegible] he went to [illegible] [illegible]

that he has not met with much success [illegible]

[illegible] year [illegible] the first week he was able to

pay board, the next a little better, third, cleared

[illegible] two dollars — during the winter had steady

work which brought from five, to ten dolls

a day — this is better than twenty dollars [illegible]

[illegible] for [illegible] here — [illegible]

[illegible] is hard he is not discouraged — John

has a considerable share of perseverance — [illegible]

will be well tested before he returns, if [illegible]

[illegible] it to remain until he has some-

thing worth bringing home — as to his health

[illegible] perfectly good — I will say [illegible]

commendation of [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] good principles — [illegible]

[illegible] he has always been [illegible]

and indulgent to his mother, and sister, this will

speak for him when he becomes a man and puts

away boyish actions — This evening [illegible]

[illegible] until nine o'clock in the [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] of many of the age [illegible]. Religion
is not [illegible] in this point, it is [illegible]
great number of children [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
must [illegible] in my opinion that it [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible])
not [illegible]. Gold is [illegible]
is the chief employment [illegible]
have said of a great majority that have [illegible]
men after [illegible]
[illegible] Sacramento [illegible]
— we have no apprehension [illegible]
[illegible] the world [illegible]
[illegible]
the [illegible] through the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the rugged heights of the Sierra Nevada
Mountains [illegible] on his back —
He has left Nevada [illegible]

[illegible] before the
[illegible]
then, [illegible] went to [illegible] only
[illegible] that was in sight [illegible]
hundred [illegible], other [illegible]
faster than the [illegible] —

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
he can [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] on a Ranch near Fairmount [illegible]
[illegible]
he has [illegible] to make that
[illegible] the thought [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] for [illegible] on a Ranch
[illegible] cattle; [illegible]
[illegible]
made [illegible] through [illegible]
his annual [illegible] during the summer, if he finds
it profitable he will [illegible] a farm [illegible], and
[illegible] a well travelled road [illegible]
sometimes during their [illegible] as a [illegible]
as early made as [illegible] been [illegible]

[illegible] ... and chose all the rest of them ... [illegible]

My dear Aunt

Yours came just as I was

[illegible] a good while since I received

your kind letter & I returned that

[illegible] that I [illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible] that I [illegible]

[illegible] paper [illegible]

[illegible] and

[illegible] myself [illegible] will [illegible]

[illegible] and said no remember of the

children and bring the [illegible] with

with them. The [illegible] is [illegible]

[illegible] my thought it would be [illegible] in

quite a [illegible] coming [illegible] changed

[illegible] is [illegible]

[illegible] I get along very well a boarding

[illegible] [illegible] it [illegible] Mrs. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] getting along

to school and Eddie [illegible]

she is going to visit them on Tuesday
I did intended to have sent
this before but I have neglected it
so long that I am afraid that
you will not receive it this week,
Abigail Thaws went home today I am
afraid that she will not be able
to come back this term I [illegible]
a letter from cousin Ellen she was
well. she intends to come home

with Maggie in the spring, as you ha[illegible]

[illegible] up there we have had

[illegible] same time, I have just [illegible]

[illegible] back from [illegible] it was very

[illegible], I do think that it was even than

[illegible] as [illegible] as it was last term,

[illegible] has got [illegible] that

[illegible] first [illegible]

night, our school is increasing fast

[illegible] about [illegible] from me that I

[illegible]

Thurs.

Dear Mother,

[illegible] yesterday morning [illegible] had a very quick passage. I have had no letter [illegible] yesterday & am very sorry you [illegible] anxious on my account, but I trust if [illegible] this [illegible] of my letter written Sunday Morning, I [illegible] nothing, and would not on any account [illegible] your health and [illegible] than [illegible] to see [illegible]

wished to come home as soon [illegible]

[illegible] to be [illegible]

[illegible] there [illegible]

[illegible]

that [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

that [illegible]

school.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] anything [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 14

Dear Sister

[illegible]

[illegible] last [illegible] and [illegible] very glad [illegible]

[illegible] well [illegible] that [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] well [illegible] well [illegible]

[illegible] at home [illegible] she went [illegible] with them

[illegible] she thinks she feels [illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible] mills?

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Graefenberg,
Thursday morn.

My precious Mother,

Your good kind letter was very thankfully received Saturday eve. Pa was very kind to send me the last dollar he had in the house. Hope he has had some more by this time. Dr. is just now quite short of money. but when I read him your letter, he said if you could not pay now, you could not of course. He was very kind and seemed to think the excuse sufficient. Do you know how Charley is getting along at Utica? Is he making anything? Dr. spoke to me

some time last week, asking if I supposed he had any money lying on his hands, and said that he was very much in want of money now. He said nothing about my bill, you know we have paid that along pretty well. I told him that I had been able to do better than I expected in regard to my own bill, and I think we have done more than he expected, from what I told him about my affairs when I first came. Robert wrote to Charly a few days ago requesting a statement of his affairs the amount of money he had on hand &c. I have not seen his answer but Robert says he wrote that he had $.57. I do not know whether this is

Roberts' mistake or not. I did not question him about it as we do not want him to think much about business at present, and I was not feeling very well myself. Would it be best to have anything done? I have told you what I know about it. Robert ~~told~~ spoke about having Charley send that money on to him, and if he does, I am afraid he will only waste it, and his necessary bills be none the less. You will know best what to do. Robert has been somewhat more excited during the last days, but it is I think wearing off. He is having a diarrhea crisis and some boils. I am having a crisis. This is why I have

not been feeling so well.

June 11 '77

Dear Sister Anna

I received you and mothers letter in due time. I am especially thankful to you for writing. I am rejoiced to hear that your health is a little better. I am very sorry for mother to think of her feebleness, and suffering, — her that used to be so active. I suppose from your letter she is gaining a little. I wish very often I could send something to help her. I hope my dear Jennie & Eddie will do all in their power, and seriously think of trying to be as little as possible a burden. I am quite in the dark as to how you are going to get along in your changed circumstances. I wish I could write that I am feeling

My health seems to be pretty good. Hope [illegible] are [illegible].
It has got to be very warm [illegible] weather, with coolish [illegible] nights.
—Milking 11 cows. Have 9 calves.
Butter only 10 cents a pound.
It does not pay. I am raising some fine calves.

I am afraid you will think this not worth getting

With love to all in [illegible]
your affectionate brother
Frank [illegible]

Osawatomie, June 1, 1889

John is going to a funeral today so I just drop you a line lest it be several days before he goes again. He was able to go by the ford yesterday and today he and Shafer are going that way in the wagon. It is so much nearer than the other way that it will make it easier for John. He churned twice yesterday besides going to town horseback. It rained a little in the night, some this a.m. so Mary and I prefer staying home. German is going to an all day meeting in the Quaker church, about 5 miles the other way from town, towards Lane. Such a meeting

and Mrs. Huddleston too. They will be saved a little when John Edward is there. So Sister Geo. Prichard is married! Have you seen him since? Do any of the Prichards ever come to see you? Who preached for you since Davies left? Does Mr. Price and Ellen sometimes visit you? How is Lydia? Why did she never answer my letter? Does not Hannah think my last worth answering? Give my love and best wishes to Kittie and all the mother's family. Don't let Jane think we have forgotten them. Has Clara lost [illegible]

is a yearly one. Usually they have SS in the morning and preaching in the afternoon. Elder Reed who is to be buried today was I think a Baptist minister and one of the first settlers of Osawatomie. He lived in the city. He was from Oneida Co., Westmoreland. Last Fourth of July as Mary and I were sitting in the wagon waiting for John to do his trading he came and talked with us. He asked who was our Welsh minister now in Utica. I told him, and he asked what other churches there were, when we mentioned the Baptist, he said, yes, I know they have a church there. He had no children but an adopted daughter - a Welsh girl from Utica - who is now married. He wanted to find some of her relatives as her mother came from Utica he thought we might know. He was going to journey and seek

some information about them in places
where he knew the family had lived.
Her mother was a widow by the name
of Lewis when she came west. She after-
wards married another Lewis and they had
this daughter. The father was not steady
and one day after Mrs. Lewis' death he
brought the little girl to Elder Reid's. He
left her there one night and then came
to ask if he might leave her there a
few days. So she stayed some time &
when the father came again they pro-
posed to adopt the child if the father
would go away and leave her entirely
to them. He consented and left. Elder
Reid described to us the burning of the town
in John Brown's time. Pointed out
the localities. Also showed us where
the first house of the city was build. Altogether
he made himself very entertaining and

said he had long known our brother.
He invited us to call at his house some=
time, but we never have stopped in town
any. - Thursday Mrs. Chestnut was in the
store and we had an introduction. She
is from near Ithaca, N.Y., very nice
and she invited us to call sometime
at the house. We hope to do so. She waited
on us - tho' I never saw her in the store before.
I bought, on her recommendation, a pair of rubbers, - with strap and
buckle about the ankle. The mud is so
bad to pull off rubbers that I feel very glad
to get them. The price was 45 cts. and they
feel like good, strong ones. They make the
3rd pair I have got in Kansas. - I wonder
how many letters will reach you together!
Tell Mr. Jones I wish I could take his chance
to go to the village once in a while! I haven't
walked much since I came from home!
I am very glad he is so good to get the mail.

225 Centre Ave.
Chicago Jan. 21 1892.

Dear Anna

He writes well who writes quickly. Yours received yesterday with very much pleasure. I am getting ~~easy~~ stronger every day. Have taken a full bath every morning this week. It rests me. Sat up nearly all day yesterday. It rests me to sit up. Read nearly all day. It rests me to read. It don't tire that eye at all. Tire the other (left) eye a little. Am reading Dred. [illegible]. It tires me strangely to write. Your bro John

Maple sugar very nice [illegible].

Osawatomie Feb. 11. [illegible]63

Dear [illegible],

It is with [illegible] that I [illegible] your letter and papers, together with [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] place [illegible] in consequence of the [illegible] some [illegible] being [illegible] [illegible] six [illegible] [illegible] the Indians have ~~taken~~ ~~to~~ ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] [illegible] one of the [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] succeeded in getting the letters [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] of the papers for Osawatomie [illegible] [illegible] in, [illegible] get any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

We have had [illegible] [illegible] weather, [illegible] have been very [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] the papers, [illegible] I presume you. [illegible] something about [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] you are living in your [illegible], as it was when we left there and [illegible] day with ~~[illegible]~~ "[illegible]" [illegible] with the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] could [illegible] something of the weather that we have [illegible] for the last [illegible] months — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Feb. [illegible] the same, and Feb. 4th found the mercury 29° [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that supposing you were still living in the [illegible] there?

We have written two or three times that we have received all the money sent but as you inquire I will repeat that we have had one $20 draft, one $23,75 draft, one $3 bill one eight cornered gold dollar, and in our last two rounded gold dollars beside one $3 bill from Jennie all of which were all thankfully received as they really were needed

I cannot write much more I'm so tired. John has been up to his claim now every day. He has taken the cows up to fodder there so as to get them used to it. He gets pretty tired, the path is bad last night he almost had a chill — but he is on the whole gaining — better now than when he left Stockton, I think it is well — I don't get along very fast. I am better than I was when I wrote before but have just commenced another course of chills — had two — expect to clear up sometime within a couple of months and have a whole lot more to prepare for the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

1855?

[illegible]

better [illegible], 'tis [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in our [illegible]

instead of [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible] for [illegible]

[illegible] e best [illegible]

[illegible] old country where [illegible]

[illegible] state, I found [illegible]

[illegible] fashion [illegible]

[illegible] of a dollar [illegible] a dollar [illegible]

[illegible] much to [illegible]

[illegible] I could [illegible]

[illegible] as it [illegible]

[illegible] a great [illegible]

[illegible] return. It [illegible]

[illegible] meat & have [illegible]

[illegible] tea [illegible]

[illegible] Times [illegible]

[illegible] ([illegible])

[illegible] settlement [illegible]

[illegible] commission [illegible] to the [illegible]

[illegible] for Kansas! [illegible]

Longwood, May 29 1856

Dear [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

(Yankee-like exactly)

[illegible] really "guessed," I could answer my letter "hey? [illegible] truly — You are quite right in supposing that [illegible] and I still lived on the same place [illegible] and because there is a long [illegible] on it, and not because there is

will ~~keep~~ stay and hold the claim till peace shall again bless the country a woman would be safer alone than with a professed abolitionist — indeed I should have no fears now if he were away — It isn't women's lives they want, but only voters

We are informed that the United States troops have determined not to take up arms against the free-soilers and the officers say they will disregard ~~commands~~ orders if called out by the President or by ~~P~~ Shannon for that purpose — the troops are all free-state men and Col. Sumner said before this outbreak or at its commencement that he did not believe he could make his men fire on the free-state men Col. S is a cousin of Senator Sumner

Do not be alarmed if we do not write every week we cannot always go to the P. O. Good-bye two Quakeresses have just called and I must stop

Yours ever

S M C E

{my love to Lewis and Jane}

Father speaks something about Genie's.
husband! Pray who is "Genie's husband"?

We wish we could hear more encouraging
news from Robert - Have you no fears that
his derangement may become permanent?

Do you ever hear anything from such an
individual as Jane Everett? I don't!

Well I might write a long letter if I
had anything to say - I suppose before this
reaches you - you will have learned the
threatening aspect ~~which~~ of affairs in our territory, ~~it~~
~~tak~~. The war may come to our own door, I
hope not - there is great excitement in
some portions of the territory and life
and property are alike disregarded - We
as yet are comparatively safe - but perhaps
we may call down the vengeance of our
proslavery friends by some untoward
act, a very slight offence will suffice.

Should this prove the case I shall
try to persuade John to take Frank with
him and return to the states, and I

e made of sugar piece [illegible] that is mine

much long-wood on it for the wood is all
short. not becaise we burn long wood for we
burn chips, John (I will answer for him)
does not make use of a razor now - is
as always "was ~~beautiful~~ a very fine looking
fellow, and is about as deaf as ever.

Our Cabin is very comfortable now
for a summer residence but will need a
great deal of fixing before it will do for
winter - The chamber is very low but we
sleep in it we sawed off our bed posts so
they are only one foot to the bed-cord and
but the foot and the head. (I hope
you wont consider that the word foot al-
ways ~~means~~ has the same ~~st~~ signification, 'coz'
if you do 'twill make my letter supremely
ridiculous) We keep our clothes up there
also flour meal and meat - Franky
sleeps in a little bed down stairs.

Franky does not learn Welsh any
[illegible] more than John Rich - He is
two ft, nine inches and a half - His folks say he is a
young welshman but his mother is old yankee - and that he is
a middle of sugar pie well that is nice

copied by EHE
11/27/1963

[illegible] [illegible] 5, 1854

Dear Cynthia

We received [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] copied by someone. [illegible] [illegible] the
letter especially the part relating to his sister
Cynthia, I shall ~~[illegible]~~ regard the [illegible] of our [illegible]-
lations with much anxiety for the next six
months, expecting to find in some of them a
warm and earnest encomium on the "[illegible]
literary [illegible] the gifted Miss Everett & her brother"
I suppose, that is I hope we may be favored
with a copy in advance at an early date —
let me [illegible] what's the ~~title~~ name of that [illegible] [illegible]
book, a felicitous title is you of course know a
great recommendation and very essential, [illegible]
you will take care of all that, so I had better
not be anxious about it I suppose — By
the way to change the subject — what has
ever become of the select school in [illegible]!
and have you got a sister Anna and why don't

she ever speak for herself –

We are having a very dry time just now no rain for some weeks till a little last night – we could not get our ground plowed till a week ago, so our crop is going in – in a bad time unless we get some showers soon

The political news of K. T. you get in advance of us in the Tribune. We learn much from that source which we might never get otherwise

The work of subjugation is not so easily accomplished on freemen as those accustomed to rule on a plantation may have supposed,

The Free-state men are growing reckless from the long continued insults that have been heaped upon them, and have turned subjugators themselves – It is not in human nature to let ~~injuries~~ wrongs like theirs go unavenged –

We have U. S. troops stationed in Osawatomie for what purpose Shannon and his co-workers only know – Their Captain is a slaveholder but I was informed today that ~~so~~ a large portion of his men are freestate that he feels that his position is a delicate and undesirable one

and fears his men would not be willing
to fire on the free State citizens — "tis an ill
wind that blows nobody any good" — we are
profiting in a pecuniary way ~~and~~ by their being
posted near us, we sell them all our buttermilk and
some sweet milk for five cts a quart, do washing
for a dollar a dozen and sell butter when we have
it to spare for 20 cts a lb — I think we may get
four to six dollars a week from them while they
stay, so for my part if they behave well I wish
them nothing worse than a few months residence
where they are! I have some prospect of getting
the school in town a term this summer — the
only hindrance is a suitable ~~place~~ room to teach in — I can get
scholars enough and shall know this week if I
can get a room — If I get it I can ride down
the creek ~~and I stay can~~ in the morning and
half the way, and John can come there (to the creek) after
school with the horse for me — that is "about"
half the distance Turky and his father
could keep house while I was in school — I hope
I may get it — but I am afraid you wont.
A log house twenty feet square rents there
from 5 to 7 dollars a month, and scarce at that.

We are quite comfortable in health now, all of us. We are both of us better than we have been since we have been in the territory.

The pie plants are in the ground, and growing. Thank Lewis and father Williams very much indeed for them. Two or three have already leaved out. They have been in the ground about a week. We feel our condition here to be very serious. Personally we have the good will of all our neighbors both pro and anti slavery (perhaps partly owing to the persecution we were subjected to last summer, and the way we faced it) although we have been as outspoken in our views as if we were in Steuben. We feel that we are in the hands of Providence, and that our Heavenly Father can protect us here while dark clouds are gathering and angry lightenings flash, as well as if the sky were clear, and the current of our lives flowed smoothly. We intend to stand by our home in this pleasant land, and take what fortune the good God sends us.

Sarah and John.

Lawrence [illegible] Feb. 11. 18[illegible]

Dear [illegible]—

[illegible] in your [illegible] letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I have, [illegible] you! [illegible] to get [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and had [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] very much obliged [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] been great [illegible] suffering [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] tell you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] was impossible to escape from them [illegible] [illegible] into some bushes with his face [illegible] [illegible] to see his murderers, three of them [illegible] his head and shot at him, [illegible] rode up and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible]. They then rode in pursuit of another man [illegible] [illegible] and left him dead, then [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to make sure of him, he had presence of mind enough [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] they [illegible] [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] he would die [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~

There were [illegible] four hundred Missourians in [illegible] [illegible], three hundred and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the remainder of their number dead and wounded [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Many were killed and wounded by a little
one of our men, we learned of the cannon during
the entire action - the Missourians report
31 killed and 45 wounded! there were 4
free state men killed and 3 wounded - the
one we have with us received the most serious
wounds, his right thigh is broken and there
are over twenty bullet and buckshot holes
in it besides six in his left leg - a great
many families with free state men probably are
leaving our neighbors except the Quakers who
are [illegible] our behalf - it looks cowardly and
unprincipled to see free state men leaving [illegible]

John has got the chills and been sick since
Sunday - I hope he will not have a long spell
of sickness now for I have my hands full with
this poor maimed boy (George Cutter) Frank too
has been sick two nights - but seems quite lively
in the day time I am well. —

The mails are permitted to run again, it is
reported that Lane has a reinforcement of
600 men and twelve pieces of cannon, we are
to have a free state Company in Osawatomie, so
they say" We hear repeated rumors that the Mis-
sourians are coming to sweep the creeks on both sides
and murder every damned abolitionist who has
dared to remain, but I cannot regard such reports
as of any importance - Hope you will not be
worried about us, I feel no apprehension - may
sleep as soundly at night as if ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ no one wished or intended to cut my throat

[illegible]

Osawatomie April 8, 1860.

[illegible] Yours [illegible] very welcome [illegible] last Thursday a week and a day after it was dated. Felt very much obliged to you for finding time to write. Although I have not much to say in this, I suppose you will be glad to get a line. We are both better than when I wrote to Ross; My cold is very much better. The prospect is that we shall stop with our two long-time friends Frederick Wyggant and Mr Snow this summer. Fred is a German, thoroughly Americanized, and a large-hearted, friendly, whole-souled fellow; with the ladies very bashful and awkward, but quite sensible of the important fact that he wants a wife, and don't hardly know how to get her. He owns a twenty [illegible]. Mr Snow is a Vermont Yankee. So here we are

I think I wrote that I had bought a cow. Have been trying to get horses + wagon but have not suited myself yet. Have begun to fancy stories for Ellen. [illegible] for Robbie and baby and all at home [illegible] here. Does school commence? And is Mary Ann [illegible] trying to teach? Give my respects to her and all. [illegible] keep [illegible] appointment [illegible] yours.

Dutch, Yankee, Welsh, with a small spice of Young Kansas.

Frank & I attended church today. Mr Adair preached a very excellent sermon I presume, but I did not hear it. There is no special religious interest here, although the attendance seems to be better than when I left. We are quite comfortable here, and hope to enjoy ourselves here this summer. The beautiful birds are coming back. I have seen two or three times a red bird, - all over scarlet - a most brilliant bird, that makes my heart leap whenever I see it.

I was quite interested in your account of Joseph Perry's concert. How could you bear to be late? I should have wanted to have the whole, and that would have been too little. How his playing & singing that afternoon - in the parlor thrilled through! What wonderful enchantment to [illegible] his lips so eloquent. My paper is gone - John

Charlestown Dec. 4 1857.

Dear Brother

Will you receive a very short letter? I received a few days ago a letter from you written in September 26. Although so long on its way, it was quite welcome when it did come. Our friend Isaac Pierce must have had a very severe illness. I am glad that he had recovered. Please to give my best respects to him and his family when you see them. I am much pleased to get the little [illegible] of Robert Hermann and Maggie, [illegible] of my own Willie and Carl — baby I was going to say. But alas! I am afraid I shall have my baby entirely gone [illegible] see him. But I hope he will grow up to be a good man. I was much interested in what you wrote [illegible] going to New York. I think it will be a good [illegible] and hope she will be happy and

find herself in a congenial element there.
I sympathize heartily in woman's efforts to
become more independent and self-reliant and
to widen the circle of their activities.

My health is a good deal better than
it was one week. I still have occasional
chills — after a little unusual exposure
but as to the cause of the difficulty — the
[illegible] about digestion, — [illegible]
better. My [illegible] the [illegible] is more
than [illegible] this fall. Frank is quite
well. How is your own health? I was greatly
grieved to hear [illegible] had so [illegible]
of a headache. I hope this will find you
all well, and that you will all accept
much love from your brother. Give much
love to my dear, dear little boy. Also
to father and mother.

John

Tell Louisa Jane I think of her very
often. I have not written her, to write me again
for I owe him a letter, and I am a poor a
correspondent. I hope you will all think
of me once in a while when you go to
singing school.

Cannonsburg [illegible]

Dear Mother

I find it is a long time since I have written home. I have not much to write [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] latter part of the night [illegible] [illegible]. Still I am able to be [illegible] all the time and to do most of the [illegible] and a part of the [illegible] pretty well, but I have [illegible] [illegible] no work.

[illegible] you [illegible] school [illegible]. We like [illegible] school. The principal studies are arithmetic (written & mental) and geography. We [illegible] [illegible] geography [illegible] [illegible] till this winter. We have a [illegible] [illegible] very well and a [illegible] Club [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in our school [illegible]. The

John Eddie

My dear dear little boy,

I was very much pleased indeed to get your letter. How many times you must have taken to [illegible] all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] [illegible]. I am interested in every thing you write in it, and I was pleased to think you had perseverance to make all the letters in it. I made it all out. I had to study some of every part of it. I suppose [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] well by this time. [illegible] has got a fiddle he is learning to play on. He has no teacher but he is trying to learn to play by the ear. I would like very much to see you and Robbie. Can you write again to your father and ask Robbie to write too. I suppose Robbie goes to school does he not?

Your affectionate father,

John R. [illegible]

Sycamore meetings seem to attract a good deal of interest and fill the school house. Frank likes very much to attend them. Frank got [illegible] pretty [illegible] enough [illegible] went the [illegible] time we were at the mill, and [illegible] is [illegible] much obliged to [illegible] for [illegible] it. He is quite interested in reading it.

Much love to all, and especially to my dear little [illegible].

Your brother [illegible]

I have not had a letter since the [illegible] 1st. [illegible] letters were [illegible].

Osawatomie Aug. 3. 18[illegible].

Dear Sister Cynthia,

I have received two letters from you; one written in July 8th and one written some time in June. By looking at the date [illegible] I have been some time without writing, and I feel pained that I have been so remiss. That beautiful book "Finished Diamond" I had the pleasure of reading since I came back to Kansas. It belonged to a family of the name of Sears, who came from Pittsfield Mass., near neighbors to us since '56. It is a beautiful book. Dear Sister, I fear I have little <u>living</u> faith in Providence. O that I might have more, and <u>feel</u> <u>sure</u>, every moment, that He ordereth all things well. How light would be our burdens if we could feel that God, who is love, laid them upon us, and that [illegible]

remembers mercy. We have a Sabbath School in our neighborhood, in the school house in our district Sunday afternoon this summer. We raised about thirty dollars for reading matter. We sent for 20 Bible papers & 10 Tract Banners. The S.S. Union made us a donation of 12 dollars worth of books and with the remainder of our subscription (with the donation) we got in all about 120 volumes of S.S. books. We have quite a number of scholars, and I hope will do some good with our school. I have a Bible Class ~~our~~ the lesson is in Genesis. I have some infidels in my class, and we have some quite lively discussions, as I leave the door open for any and all objections that may come up. I do not pretend to be able to explain every thing, any more than I can explain every thing about so simple a thing as the growth of an apple or any other of the mysteries that encompass us in nature.

We have had very dry weather here now for a year. Although we have had light showers we have had no rain that soaked the ground since July 1857. This last month has been very warm. Week before last, and the week before that the thermometer went up every day regularly in the shade, and remained for about 5 hours after 12 o'clock from 105° to 108° frequently at 100° till almost sunset. Then the night would seem after about 11 o'clock moderately cool, — 72 to 78° at sunrise. About Thursday we had a ~~shower~~ of rain and a Northern wind, which made a few days of moderate weather. I forgot to say that the day before the rain I noticed the ~~[illegible]~~ mercury in the shade as high as 111½ for a short time. How high it would have been in the sun we did not try, as we thought it was doing well enough in the shade. Last week it ranged from

100° [illegible] for 6 or 7 hours in the hottest half of the day. Yesterday we had light showers which has made it cooler again. This exceedingly hot weather, with the drought will injure our crops very much. There is a little insect called the chinch-bug, which breeds very rapidly in warm weather and which is damaging our crops very much. It first attacks small grains, then when they are harvested the corn.

Did our folks ever try the Early Goodrich potatoe? I planted ½ a peck this spring — used of them about a month did not dig over more than half the ground — reserving the rest for seed. They are an excellent potato — very early — free from rot. If our folks never tried them I guess you can get seed from the Griffiths. I am sorry to hear that Anna continues so poorly.

Love to all and especially to my new children. Your brother

John R. Everett

1864.

Saturday Evening, Mar 13,

Dear Cynthia

It is sometime since I have received a letter from you, but I believe it is a longer time since I have written. The last I received from you was from Rome. I sometimes feel as if I had real occasion for gratitude for your letters, I am so poor a correspondent in return. I suppose Jenny is in New York, or has she returned? Has Mary got home again? I am glad to hear by Jennie's last letter that ~~her~~ Mary's health is improving some. Is it Homeopathy she is studying or Allopathy? I hope Anna tries to keep up good courage - "A merry heart doeth good like medicine," and sometimes a good deal more than medicine. It is discouraging to have poor health dragging one down so long,

but I find getting discouraged don't help the matter any.

The weather here is getting pleasant. Farmers are commencing or about to commence their Spring's work. The nights are cool, and the ground freezes some, but it thaws out days and the land is getting dry. I think we shall put in some oats next week. "The time of the singing of birds has come and the voice of the turtle ~~dove~~ (prairie chicken) is heard in the land." How beautiful the correspondence between Nature and the human soul. My life's circle is a very small one here, but I frequently have occasion for joy and even gratitude in the bounty with which Nature and Nature's Author ministers to all the springs of enjoyment which we open in our minds. I remember once President Green, as I was working in his garden (I was under a fruit tree) told me to stop and listen to the harmonious

sighing of the wind in the leafy tree. It was the first time I had ever noticed that harmonious natural melody. But it gave me many pleasant moments afterwards to listen to that whispered sighing, the notes never discordant or out of tune. I like to watch the coming & life of my orchard in Spring. The bare tree is pleasant to look on the limbs all cunningly fashioned, seemingly the same kind of sticks stuck all over the tree, but if you look at it carefully you will see that no two shoots are exactly alike; and then you will notice that trees bearing different kinds of apples differ in general aspect - the family resemblance is different; some tend to make erect shoots, others send out wide spreading arms, as if they had a human feeling, and wanted to put their fruit where it would be most tempting; and the drooping ones, mind, have the most

fruit on. I like to watch the first stirrings of life - the mysterious swelling of the buds, and a mystery it is which all science has not yet explained. There is a large bud, that bud has got a blossom in it! We could tell that certainly now if we should pick it off and cut across it; we would see the future blossom all carefully folded and tucked in in the heart of the little bud. But let us wait tranquilly, as nature tranquilly waits, and it will slowly (all too slowly for our impatience) swell and swell and swell, till by and by as you go to observe it again there is a beautiful tinge of red on its tip. Now your heart swells towards it! And then at last it busts out into real flowers, five, six, or seven of them. And there is the first start towards an apple: how much we have got before the fruit, if we will only take it.

Osawatomie Jan. 22. 1874.

Dear Sister Cynthia,

Your letter of Jan 13 was receiv'd night before last. Frank wants me to write to answer it. I was not aware till I came to think that we had been so long without writing. We have both of us been well. We have nothing particular to write about. We are having a wet, mild winter so far. Yesterday it rained all day, in fact it has been either misting or raining most of the time now for five or six days. To day it has been raining a little fine rain all the morning. I am very glad now to be able to stable so many of my cattle. We have 20 in the stable, and 11 calves outside, with an open shed (hay roof) to run under

I take the N. Y. Semi-Weekly Tribune and The Advance Newspapers. I n renewing for the Tribune lately I sent for the Tribune Evangelical Alliance Supplement (25c) and the "Tyndall's lectures on light" (5c) supplement. Have you seen the former supplement? It is a marvel of cheapness for the matter it contains. 32 pages of the Tribune filled with the papers read and speeches at the Ev. Alliance meetings. It seems that there is a greater feeling now among Christian men to stop contending about minor points so much but to direct the warfare against the common Enemy.

How is the Cinhadur flourishing this year? How many tokens do you print? -

I was quite interested in reading your description of your employments at the time you

were writing your letter. I guess your kitchen is pretty small if you have nothing but that little bedroom to cook in. Do you burn coal entirely? I suppose coal must be as cheap as wood. A good many burn coal here. Coal can be bought for 8 or 10 cents a bushel by going 25 miles for it. Frank was getting out and hauling coal last fall. The coal was about 10 feet below the surface, and by plowing and scraping they removed the earth and then took out the coal, about 16 inches thick. There is a layer of coal on our place two or three inches thick. A good deal of money was unsuccessfully spent several years ago in digging for coal in Osawatomie. What are you making another rag carpet for? How many rooms in the house are carpeted? What does Eddy busy himself with this winter? Does

he have any wood to carry in, or eggs to find. (I get ~~two~~ ~~or~~ one to three eggs a day.) I suppose he is not large enough to clean the stables. But I guess there is snow to shovel in Steuben even in a mild winter. We have had but little snow yet this winter. We have a sled that Frank made, for the two horses, to haul corn fodder and occasionally wood on. Sometimes there is a short time when we can drive on the road with the sled. Then we can put the wagon box on, if need be, and have a sleigh ride. My time is up and I must close. Write again soon.

Give our love to Sarah and William, to Lewis and family and to all at home.

I believe Eddy directed the last Ben hadur. He must write me when he feels like it.

From your affectionate brother

John

Camp [illegible], May 18th

Dear Sister & Father

I was very glad indeed to get your [illegible] letter [illegible] my [illegible] ([illegible] to the [illegible], and he brought my [illegible] up. My health is good and I have nothing to write about only everything is going on well. The weather has been [illegible] of a sudden, the thermometer now stands (2 o'clock) at 88° in the shade. [illegible] a good stiff [illegible] blowing, [illegible] all [illegible]. [illegible] I feel [illegible] [illegible] days [illegible] you are [illegible] 28 [illegible]

[illegible] very pretty.
We have had a very hard & [illegible]
winter, a very late spring & [illegible]
was [illegible] the
[illegible], the roses are [illegible]
& a [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Our orchard is one
fragrant [illegible] with apple blossoms, the
trees are so full they are
a perfect world of beauty.
I hope mother and you all will
be better of your colds by the time
you get this. I am glad to hear
that Mary seems to be doing well.
I have often wondered what papa
[illegible]
[illegible] a lady physician. I hope
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] all well.

place! More than half the
time for the last [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a very
sick [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
fits, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] pin plant [illegible] and the
[illegible] shall [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
from the [illegible] We have very
excellent oranges [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] apples,
of my own trees
planted and tended by our own
hands, which makes very good
vinegar indeed "By the sweat
of thy brow shalt thou eat
vinegar." I believe the
[illegible] in your [illegible] comes
very near being turned into
a [illegible]
Ida thinks I will [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible] Love to all.
I never [illegible] the little sister the
last [illegible] talking to me. [illegible] the 3rd
[illegible] [illegible] no mail. [illegible]

Steuben, Feb. 13 1850.

Dear Sister Jane,

At Sarah's earnest request, and moved a little perhaps by my naturally kind feelings, I overcome my habitual repugnance to the goose quill and foolscap to write you a few lines, under Sarah's express promise that if I write one page Sarah will finish the rest. And you must not think that I hate to write to you but that I not like to write — hic labor hoc opus est. (Is the Latin right?) We received your letter to Mr Edward W. Everett last Saturday night. You may well believe that the young gentleman's eyes sparkled, and that his countenance was full of life when he heard that there was a letter directed to him. Eddy is getting to be quite mischievous full of play, fun and laughter. He don't get whipped half so much as I used to when I was of his age. Perhaps it would be better for him if he was. You see I am writing something foolish because I have nothing especial to write about. Perhaps we are all better off when we have nothing particular to say about ourselves. If I had cut the little finger of my left hand off or if Sarah had scratched her arm or if Eddy had pinched his finger till he squealed right out, or if Henry had caught a bad cold so that he could hardly talk, — then there would be something to write about. But as it is, all that we have to say especially is very good news. Sarah is getting better! I think she really is. She looks better — sits up more — suffers less pain, and feels very much encouraged. She has been using Dr Fitch's remedies now nearly four weeks. Father has just come in to offer me 2 cents for writing to you. Totally unexpected! (Virtue its own reward is it not?)

Father and mother were down to Whitesboro, a week ago last Saturday, and returned the following Tuesday. Neither Brother B. nor Elizabeth nor Mary were in very robust health. But John Henry made up for all. He was as well as he could be

be sure (bagage, that is the way it came bac... as in your ... st letter) Dear Sister you see I have written two pages, and Sarah will not allow me to write any more. She was to have all but one page when I commenced. But first come first served I leave all the rules on this page to her good night John

Dear Sister ...

I now ... to redeem the pledge ... has already spoken — that ... finishing this lett... task thus to approach dear absent friends when we have ... so painful to relate, Oh, my Sister, would that you ... a moment to my bedside and listen to the tale of my sorrow hope ... from my life. I am getting well ... proving rather slowly but I trust as surely. I think ... understands my case much better than Dr ... did, ... least his medicines ... me more ... and braces which he sent me are just the things they help me very much; indeed I do not think I could be cured without them. I take seven different kinds of medicine each day, most of which I take three times a day besides pills and liniment to rub on my back and as I am not able to help myself you will perceive that I am a good deal of trouble for mother, but I hope soon to be able to go around and wait on myself, (then I will write to you ofter very often!) My back seems to be slower in getting well than any thing else. Those "cruel blisters" are now quite well leaving only a slight scar to remind us of their once painful existence. I am now able to sit supported up in bed four or five hours in the day and sometimes ... minutes or half an hour in the chair. I cannot walk any yet. I am yet in the study. Do you ... dearest Jane, who carried into this room! and do you know, sweet Sister, that I have not passed through the door since you bore me through! Is not this a tender thought? Oh Sister Jane, would that you could be with me now! would that I could take the bitter medicine from your hand, how much of its bitterness would be gone and how soothing to my aching head would be a pillow smoothed by my own absent sister! but I do not repine it is all for the best. Sweet as it would be to have you with me I would not be so selfish as to wish it under present circumstances. Mary ... the girl that is with mother has been quite sick for about a week but is now much better, but not able to do anything. ... is here

... a few days ... to ... with ... I hope you will be able to ... this. I am ... what matter is your ... My head ... so plain as I wish. ... much love I remain your affectionate sister ... write

I should think from what they said, laughing at his friends, as all healthy babies do. They saw Aunt Sarah. She is in a good deal the same condition as she has been, apparently no better than when mother saw her before. They got the enclosed daguerreotype of Robert in Utica. You see Eddy was with them and for a wonder in quite a sober mood. What do you think of the pictures? If you do not like it first-rate, why, it does not cost you any thing. G. Robert has been doing very well in Utica lately, much better than in the Summer. We have been expecting him to come to Remsen all winter, but he is not here yet and perhaps will not be for some time. As long as he is doing a good business in Utica I suppose he will stay there, at least for the present. I suppose you have heard that the school at Whitesboro has been broken up by sickness, and that Cousin Elizabeth R. has been quite sick. She was getting better when they were in Utica. Father has sold his lot on which the building was burnt in Utica for $ 450 dollars. The city of Utica is now lighted by gas, and supplied with water from near New Graffenberg. (So much for Utica news.)

The winds in Steuben have had a great frolic lately — a regular blow out. As is common in such cases every thing is where it shouldn't be — the snow instead of being evenly spread over the ground, tortured by the frantic winds, till it huddles together like a flock of scared sheep, and takes refuge in the road or hides itself under the fences. To day we have been opening roads. There is one thing unpleasant, and, therefore, it will do to tell.

I heard to day that old Dr Guiteau died last night and is to be buried to-morrow. He was, I hear, 73 yrs. old. Do you get the Cenhadwr every month? Our circulation has increased a little since last year. We print 2 quires this year more than last (62 in all). Lewis is gradually regaining his health. He is a great deal better than when you left home. I am very glad you are so well pleased with Mt. H. Do you pound brick dust pepper and sugar yet? or what? Do you know you lost something from your baggage in going to Mt H. Can't guess what? Why letter g to

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Miss Jane Everett
Mt Holyoke Seminary
South Hadley
Mass.

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sawatomie Dec. 15 1863.

Dear Jenny

If you have not already sent the rennets, there is one thing we have been long wishing to get which Sarah forgot to mention in her letter last week. It is a cheese knife or curd cutter. It consists of sever-al long parallel blades about 1/2 inch apart to cross off the curd. We have never seen one only the description.

If you can get one & send with the rennets, we would like it very much indeed. We are all well. Sarah has gone to day to Richard Mendenhalls to weave linsey. Frank has gone with her to wind quills. Robert goes to school, but Frank & I can not spare yet. "Aunt Ann," a faith-ful Cherokee "contraband" is taking care of the baby & the house. It has been very cold for a day or two. Last week I was quite comfortable doing chores without my coat.

Your affectionate brother John

P.S. Please let us know the cost of the Scribe if you can get one.

[illegible] Jan [illegible]

Dear Jennie

I have been a long time answering your letter. I was very glad to get a few [illegible] from you again. I send you a specimen in this of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which I have written before. This is the female. The two points which project behind it are to bore holes in the ground to deposit eggs. They [illegible] seem to choose the hardest spot [illegible] lay their eggs like places where cattle have trampled near farmhouses. Their eggs are still alive. I have heard [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the eggs and brought them in to the [illegible]. [illegible] put them in a warm place, and [illegible] in a very short time they hatch out and go to jumping. The weather in the spring here is quite changeable. [illegible] is that there may come some warm weather in the spring to hatch

[illegible marginal writing]

them out and then had to employ men and enough to kill them. The seventeen year locust is a very different animal. We have had them here. they do very little harm, they stay only a short time. they lay their eggs in twigs of trees, hatch out and drop to the ground, and remain in the ground as a grub seventeen years, then they come out, shed a brownish looking coat, and are a very handsome looking insect as long as they stay; very different in shape from the grasshopper locust and much larger, with beautiful [illegible] wings.

I should like very much to [illegible] [illegible]. Do you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Have you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] keep [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] they have [illegible]?

Osawatomie Sept 1st 1869.

Dear Sister Jennie,

I write you a few words on matters of business mostly. I have been in poor health for about a week chills and fever, my old enemy which I had hoped I had outlived. I want the hundred dollar bond to buy a wagon, as I will soon have two horses. and I want to ~~use~~ accustom them to a wagon this winter and late fall. I have a $100 of Mr. Lewis on my hand, and if you could pay $100 to him ~~when~~ convenient, it will be all right.

And now about another matter. We have a new school district, and want to build a school house. We have to begin without money only by borrowing. No tax can be collected till January, and then

but $160. We are entitled to a drawback from the districts from which we were set off, as they both have new school houses, which our taxes helped build. but we can not probably get that till the next tax which will be January 1861. Bank discount here is 2 pr. ct. per month. ~~Ha~~ Would you like to lend us $200 at say 12 per. ct. for one or two years from next March. That is more than I could pay personally in my business, but that is as low as we can borrow here. Schools are supported here practically [illegible] by tax on property [illegible] a tax per scholar is possible on new districts [illegible] opposition from influential [illegible] in the old districts [illegible] mainly [illegible] although there are over twenty children of school

age and 11 families who reside now between two & three miles from any school. And we have a territory of rich land, which will naturally increase in property and population under the new impetus which Kansas is receiving.

If this does not approve itself to your judgment or feelings please throw it aside without hesitation, & I will give my personal security for the money. We have to pay money for lumber, shingles, windows, doors & such as these. The rough lumber & work we can provide in the district. I think the investment perfectly secure. But if inconvenient or you feel

doubt let it alone. I am feeling
some feverish as I am writing,
so please excuse mistakes. I hope
the boys are good children, and
Frank and I both send love,
but I am afraid it will

weigh [illegible] before it goes [illegible]
miles. We are going to have
a machine to thresh this
week. [illegible] is not very
well. With love

Your bro.

John R Everett

Osawatomie, Oct. 26 1869.

Dear Jennie,

I was very glad to get your letter a few days ago. I feared mine might have been lost. And now a few words about business. The school district will be very glad to get your money. It will be perfectly safe with them. I think it will be better that I should give you my personal obligation for the money; and I will hold the district bonds; then there will be no danger of losing any thing (bond or coupon) in the mail. It would be more convenient for the district to name two years from the 15th of January for the bond to run. But if you would prefer we can name one year in the note, and then if you wished the money returned we would have to try and

borrow somewhere else. Please tell me which you would prefer.

I am expecting to receive some money for Mr. Thomas D Lewis on the 10th of November. So if you can pay him $200.00 I can retain that amount and save expense of Bank exchange charges both ways. But if you ~~have che~~ can save going to Utica, or have drafts on hand, that will be just as well.

Frank and I are both well. We ~~I~~ are having very cold weather for October. Two snow storms this month. Please excuse this short letter. I want to write to Robbie and dear little Eddie as soon as I can. How much help is Robbie to you? I wonder if I had not better have him come out here and learn to be a farmer? Frank frequently longs for his company.

Please give my congratulations to Brother Eddie on his marriage. My warmest wishes for his happiness and usefulness.

I hope Anna was well enough to go to the wedding, and that you had a good time. I think Lissy has done a noble thing in offering to go to teach the freedmen, and I pray God to bless her for it. I hope her strength may be equal to her courage. It is God's work — true missionary work.

Good night

Your brother

John.

Osawatomie, Oct. 18 1870.

Dear Sister Jenny,

This is strictly a business letter and I will begin on business. I am obliged to try to borrow some money again, and I mention the matter to you. I have got to plaster my new rooms, to get a cooking stove and some more bedclothing. My tax this fall is (70) seventy dollars. Our increase of cattle are too young to sell profitably. We are milking five cows, and will make considerable butter to spare this fall. My crops are moderately good. But corn and oats and wheat and potatoes are low. I want to borrow twenty five dollars now, and perhaps more before New Year. If not convenient, please say so, and I will try to do some other way. We are well all of us. I do not want you to incommode yourself.

In haste

Your brother John

Osawatomie is now a money order office. Is Ransom?

Jan. 18. 1871.

Dear Jennie

Yours of Jan 7, I received just a week ago to night. I am very sorry for my neglect in writing. It makes me feel sad to write. I want to see you all and especially my dear little twin Eddie. But there is no use in wishing for what can not at present be, (without we had wings like a dove.)

About the school district interest. Last fall 1869 I had a school bond in your name promising $210 to be paid March 1, 1872, with coupons attached at 10 per ct. interest. To [illegible] trouble I gave you my note for 200 at 12 pr. ct. as agreed, but had to have the bond made out as above to conform to law. As the law allows, two of those coupons for $2.05 (Jan. 1, 1870) and $10.50 (July 1, 1870) I used in paying my taxes, (as we laid a tax of 12 mills on the dollar in our Dist. to meet our bonded liability.) The $10.50 due Jan. 1, 1871, I shall get as soon as our—

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district Treasurer gets return from the County Treasurer ~~whi~~ — in a few days. All our school district taxes are collected with the state and county taxes. And (as in old times) we have to go up to ~~our~~ county seat every year to the County Treasurer "to be taxed."

You ask me, what "perplexed" me. Well, it is a school district matter too long to explain now. No difficulty in our district now, for we are perfectly united. But the old district owe the new one ~~a~~ money. We possibly could have enforced the collection of it last fall. (But the most influential man in the old district (and in the town) owes us a grudge for leaving them, and especially me. (Some thing like my old quarrel with Russel Fuller.) Last fall I tried very hard for a peaceable settlement ~~&~~ thought I had succeeding in getting their promise for payment. But when the time for commencing suit goes by, they show signs of "going back" on their promise. This is what troubled me; — the breaking out

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of an old quarrel I hoped had been
closed, our having to find money
instead of that we had been de-
pending on from them, in addition to my
~~own~~ personal share in the matter
trying to stand as a peacemaker, and
so giving my word to our district, and
preventing the commencing of a
lawsuit between two neighbourhoods

A small matter, (4) perhaps you will say,
but is not our life made up of small
matters? Is not our character made
for good or evil of small matters?
It is my earnest hope and daily prayer,
so to shape my action as to gain the approval
of him who causeth his sun to shine on the
evil and on the good and sendeth rain on
the just and on the unjust. Dear Jenny
I will keep your interest money for the
present, and thank you very much for the
use of it   Your bro. John R Everett

Germantown, Mar. 13, 1871.

Dear Jennie

Yours and John Eddie's of March 7th were received about the middle of last week. I have only time to write a very little now. Frank is going to Xenia today and will send this with mine to the mail. I would like very much to be with you when Elizabeth comes to see you. It is a very long time since I have seen her. Tell Mary & Cynthia to write to me if they have time, although I believe I owe them letters. Our school is out now and the boys are home, and we are pretty busy with the spring work. We are having beautiful March weather. I saw wild geese flying North two or three days ago. Gooseberry leaves are coming out and the wind is hard blowing. [illegible]

large. We are all quite well.
I would like to see brother Eddie's
little boy. His Mother's name Carroll.
Tell mother I got the certificate of
membership of the Bible society I
should have mentioned it before.
I have been many times thankful
to father this winter for that amount
he sent by Robbie last spring. I
have wanted some, but [illegible].
I am glad to see Eddie is learning
to write. I suppose he will go
to school this summer if you
have one. I would like very
much to see him. About our
school district (in answer to your question)
it is not a money obligation on my part,
but we feel an affection and a charitable
disposition towards our school district as a
unit for good — a very essential one that
we do not want to see crippled. — I think
there is [illegible] [illegible] to teach.
In haste [illegible] especially [illegible]
your [illegible]

I send a note for the money
you sent me. I want to do a good deal
of improvement next year to fence more
of my land in. I have only 45 acres fenced.
I have got to borrow money to do it.
Could you spare the money the school
which has ~~a few~~ a couple of years
longer. I expect they will pay a part
of the whole this winter.

I only raised about 165 bushels of
wheat on 18 acres of land this year, caused by
chinch bug & Hessian fly. I want to try
it on new land with different seed. It
is almost a ruin [illegible] on our land. My boys
are getting more able bodied. Our present
improvement is too strict for us.

this year. Why have [illegible] been [illegible]
[illegible] in the spring time
[illegible] that we work [illegible] again:
~~there is~~ contrary to what many [illegible]
[illegible]

There is a good deal of sickness
around this fall — chill & typhoid
fever. Kittie wants to go to see a
neighbors sick boy (he sat up with him
two nights) ~~and that~~ on his way to the
P.O. with [illegible], and close with much
love. Tell Eddie he must write
to me and tell about his school this
summer, and what he finds to do at
home. Your affectionate brother

[illegible]

Osawatomie March 8, 1872.

Dear Jennie,

Yours of March 2 just received, and Eddie's to Frank. Your and Eddie's of Feb 17 were received in due time. I write this now to tell you to send on the $100 if you please. I have been quite busy, and a little doubtful whether I had better borrow this last hundred, but I think I had better do it. I will make the whole in one note, and give you a mortgage on my land if you would like. Tell Eddie he must pardon me for being so remiss in writing. I will not forget his letter. The boys are quite well, also myself with the exception of a sore throat. We had two temperance discourses in the school house on our place last Sunday. The man came 8 miles, and we paid him $5.00

We had very good lectures, and I think they did good. Next Monday evening there is a lecture in town. I have no time to write more, as it is night and Robbie is waiting to take this to the mail so it may go out in the morning. Love to all. Thanks for writing so much family news

Your brother John

PS please tell aunt Cynthia that I will write to her in a few day. and that not to think that I have forgotten her because I have not written sooner in haste R C E—

Osawatomie, Miami Co., Kansas,

Osawatomie Apr 3 1872

Dear Jennie

I am in town to day to get your P.O. orders cashed. I have bought a horse (or a mare) two or three weeks ago for $95. I will make out a mortgage about the first of May. I shall then get a settlement with the school district on the $200. What rate of interest shall I make it? I would like to know what interest will be due at that time. I believe one of my notes covers the interest on the $200 for one year. We are very busy this spring. We have got the posts set so as to complete the enclosing of the 160 acres we live on, and we will soon have the rails on.

The weather has been very dry

this spring until last Saturday we had a heavy rain, and another last night. We have had steady cold weather through March. We are all well - my health better than common. I have been very negligent not to write to John Eddie, but I am so busy and it is hard work for me to write, but tell him not to be discouraged. I am writing in the village, and I have got to go home across the bridge a good ways round, and must close with much love from John

Osawatomie Jan. 3 1873.

Dear Jennie

A happy new year to you and all at home. I send in this the mortgage. Hard winter came on us this year about a month earlier than common. We have not yet done much on the new stable, because the saw mills are all stopt by the cold weather. But if we have a week or two of moderate weather, we hope to begin on it again.

Robbie is going to school and doing well in school I think. My health is not very good, although I keep around all the time. Tell John Eddie we have got two young calves and look for another in a few days

Excuse this very short letter - rather than none at all.
I frequently think of coming out there on a visit, but it may be two or three years first.

With much love especially to my little (?) Eddie and to father and mother, not forgetting brother Lewis & family

Your brother John

Give my best respects to John D Griffiths and Gwen.

Osawatomie Sept 12 1873.

Dear Jennie

There is a first rate prospect now that we will have a railroad running to our place by next New-years. The contract has been let, and the surveyors are just beginning the survey. The season has been unfavor=able for farming in this section, early, very wet: and then the opposite extreme. The boys are both out working now to get money to get their winter's clothing. they are both quite well. Frank has gone up towards Lawrence and Topeka. Robert is close by home. My health has been quite poor for the last year till about 2 months past. Now I am feeling almost en=

tirely well. There has been a
Camp Meeting in progress now
for about two weeks about a
mile from here. they have had
very good meetings, and the relig=
ious affect has been good. A
good many come forward
Every night. I pray that the
Lord will still bless religious
effort here as we greatly need
it. If you write to Elizabeth
give my love to them all.
I want to write to her, but
I have had more or less to
make me unhappy, and it
seems, so, hard to write.
Tell Eddy not to forget me.
Frank has been talking this
summer of going out there
next year. Perhaps nothing but
talk. I have no more time to
write. With much love John.

Osawatomie Oct. 7, 1873.

Dear Jennie

I have been slow in answering your last kind letter. I am crowded with business, but have a little leisure just now. Robbie is at home with me this week. I was very very sorry for mother's accident, and shall be anxious to hear from you again. How badly you must all have felt. It was good to hear that she was doing well and able to get around a little. Please write a line or two at least again soon.

Frank is about 60 miles West from here working for a farmer (D C Crane)

about three miles from Osage City, and nine mi[les] from Arvonia, in Osage Co.

How is Anna and Cynthi[a]

My health is pretty good.

I must close. Love to dear Eddie and all

Aff.

John R Everett

Osawatomie, Oct. 5, 1875.

Dear Jennie

I received your card [illegible] saying this was the first time I had been to the P.O. this week. I am very glad to hear that [illegible] is better. Hope her journey home from [illegible] will not prove to much for her. When you write please give me Mary's present address. I want to write to her. We are having a pleasant fall. Had a very unusually early light frost Sept 18. Have had no frost since to touch vegetation. I am going to the fair to Paola (10 miles) to day. I write this as I have a few minutes time waiting. What kind of a monument do they propose erecting over father's [illegible]. For my part my feelings would be

be as well satisfied with a simple slab of marble. Father belonged to the people and was of them, setting the example of an unostentatious life. He had a high ambition; but it was to please his heavenly father, to try to lead those he came in contact with to a purer and more godly life. From what I read I think the taste in the East is running too much to show in funerals and gravestones. "We brought nothing to this world, and it is certain we can take nothing from it." A man builds his own best monument in a useful life. Like sweet smelling herbs laid up in a paper, will give their pleasant smell after years have gone by, so will the memory of a good life remain as a blessing.

I must close with love to all, hoping to hear from again John Ream AP

Osawatomie Oct. 27, 1875.

Dear Jennie

I presume you will be glad to get just a line from me informing you that I am feeling pretty well again. We have just begun gathering the corn crop. We are very busy and I have not time to write. I have two boys with me now (today for the first.) I have not dug the potatoes yet. They are gaining a little in the ground yet. There is some risk of frost in leaving them so late, but we have to take a little risk. The season was so that they made their growth very late. My early planted potatoes were all eaten up by the locusts.

It seems to me mother ought to be relieved of all care for the Ambassador. Father certainly wished the mother's position should be one of as much comfort as possible. How would it answer for you or Lewis (Lewis it seems to me preferably) or both in company, to take all responsibility of the business, paying mother either a percentage of the receipts, or a definite sum as agreed mutually, for the use of the office and the consideration of the business father built up. Then any question of another editor, or compensation, mother would not have to decide. It seems to me Lewis could manage the business better than mother can as he would do so much of the work himself. Then if there seemed to be need of more editorial force, he could by carefully estimating the income,

and probable advantage to the concern, and the time any one would have to spend to do what he wanted done, could make up his mind what to offer. Of course, there should be a liberal margin so he could make something. It seems to me some such arrangement as this would be advantageous for both parties. Whoever takes it should run entirely on their own judgement, and not be hampered by advice unless they seek it. Let them give it careful thought, and then follow their own best judgement. Too much advice pressed after one has carefully marked out a course is perplexing and discouraging. It is like the multitude of cooks that spoil the broth. I think if mother undertakes to hire two editors, and

to keep the peace between them, her ship will have to be a very staunch one to ride the sea.
But if Lewis had the business he could tell what help he needed, and make his own arrangement for it. I do not suppose my brother would feel able to buy, but he could do as farmers do when they can't buy a good farm — rent it.
Then it seems to me mother should get rid of as much farm responsibility as possible, so as to be obliged to hire neither boy or girl, — if you are all at home. Eddy is getting large enough to do a good deal of light out door work, and you might occasionally hire a few days work if necessary.
I have written much more than I intended. Love to all.
I hope Sissy continues to hold her own at least. Good bye, good bye.
Your brother John.

Osawatomie, Feb. 8 1876

Dear Sister Jennie,

I thank you very much for sending that money, especially for the Newyear's present. I bought me a firstrate knife with a part of it. We are having an exceedingly mild winter, or no winter at all most of the time.

I seem to be pretty well, but I have no strength to go around to do anything. I am rather discouraged to try to get on alone another year. I have written to Charles to come out. It seems hard to ask him to come, before they are ready to come together. But I do not like to rent my property and scatter my stock. The way I feel now I am afraid if I try to go on by myself, I shall give out, and perhaps get sick.

But when one is a little low in health or strength one is apt to give way too much to gloomy thoughts. I have been of late years rather low in health winters, but as spring draws on, I get better.

I have not steady help now. Most of the time I have some one with me. I have still as much as 500 bushels of corn to husk out. I have raised the most corn this year, that I ever raised in one year. The price at present is 22 cents a bushel at Paola - 10 miles from here. If you deduct the price of gathering (2½ to 3 cts a bushel) and a very moderate charge for drawing it to market it would leave the home price pretty small. My corn was mostly cut up and shocked last fall. Some days it is too windy to husk, some days too cold, some days too dry (breaking the fodder) - as we leave our shocks of corn standing in the field till the corn is gathered. Those who are able are holding their corn for a better market,

Farmers generally intend to have hogs to feed their surplus corn to, but last year the crop entirely failed or nearly so, and the hogs were largely killed or sold half fattened. In many instances little pigs were killed and thrown away. An immense quantity of corn is being shipped out of Kansas this winter by the railroads. You will be very apt if you were on any of the roads in the early morning to see ~~loa~~ corn going to Paola or to see ears of corn that had been shaken off full loads on rough places. Yesterday morning I wanted to send a letter to Frank, and I started out, and as ~~soon~~ as I got

to the road. I saw a load of corn (loose, in the ear) going to Paola, and in a little while another. One of them started at least fifteen miles from the depot.

I must close. I greatly rejoice to hear that Cynthia's health is improving. I am glad John Eddie tries to do some good with his leisure time. I hope he will try to help his grandmother all he can, and learn to work.

Your brother
John R. Everett

Osawatomie Aug. 25, 1876.

Dear [illegible]

I received a card [illegible] you by my last mail. Also a letter [illegible] from [illegible] & Cynthia a few days before. Thanks for writing so often, for I am thinking every day of dear Cynthia. I have no time to write. I feel persuaded that living or dying our Cynthia is the Lord's. I feel deeply for you all, especially for Mother.

My health is as usual. We are quite busy haying. My love to you all. Mary is having a good visit with you, and her visit prolonged as it has been, [illegible] I must close

Your bro [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Rec'd Oct [illegible] Ans'd [illegible]

[illegible], Sept 23/1871.

Dear [illegible]

Your letter [illegible] yesterday. This is the fourth time I have written home [illegible] weeks. My health is unchanged, though I am able to be around most of the time. I have a bad taste in my mouth a good deal of the time and am weak and [illegible], and my stomach seems weak. I feel better than I did the beginning of the week. I am taking Peruvian bark for a tonic. The chills generally leave me with a disordered system, from which I recover slowly. We are having most beautiful autumn weather. No frost yet, and [illegible] not [illegible] for at least two weeks. Owing to my [illegible]

The apple crop is not a small one but I will have all I want and some to spare.

Can you get along a little longer, say till winter without the interest that is due. I have some cattle that I mean to have it from, but I want to keep them a little longer and feed them some before selling. My cattle are all looking very well, and I have been putting up plenty of feed and intend to keep them in good condition through the winter. There is where the profit for me is in keeping cattle. Some have a great tact in buying and selling, and make their profit from the turn of them. "It is naught, it is naught," saith the buyer, but when he goeth

sickness my corn was planted quite late, and a good deal of it needs a couple of weeks yet to ripen it.

I was over to a colored people's open air pic nic yesterday. They provided dinner for all that came. It [illegible] anniversary of Lincoln's Proclamation of Emancipation (their Fourth of July. I enjoyed myself much and it did me good. [illegible] had a beautiful shaded grove, a free dinner for all, speeches, &c.

We are having [illegible] apples, but I cannot eat hardly any. They sell for 50 cts., but the market is not very reliable. I have lost some by not being able to take care of them. They seem to be dropping early.

away than in former years. I have never learned that trick, so I am trying to make my money by fair farming.

Well, I do not know but this is rather a foolish letter, but I must bring it to a close.

Good bye now, hope to hear soon from you once more.

Your brother

John.

I left Washington [illegible] just to [illegible] leaving [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Pawtonic [illegible], Oct. 30, 1876.

Dear Sister [illegible],

I promised you [illegible] and write concerning [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible], I should make it a condition of my [illegible] that Mother should make the [illegible] to the [illegible] in her will. It seems to me, as they told the Surrogate, (Probate Judge, we say here,) that if Cynthia paid all the expenses [illegible] for her, [illegible] that money, it would all have been expended without taking into account all the expenses attending her last illness, sickness and death. Of course at this distance, and with my limited information, I merely write this [illegible]

been I feel. But I must always
[illegible] politics is the first consideration
I [illegible] would, to something for
[illegible]. It takes every thing I can
get to pay my hired hands, and for
[illegible] expenses. I do not allow
myself to get very much behind hand.
I hope it will be better some time.

Besides what I owe you I
owe $100 to my friend Frederick Rice
(this is all besides two summers borrowed of a man [illegible] was waiting for father)
year. The interest on that I am paying
to pay this much. I am afraid he will
call for the principal this fall or
winter. I have been building a stone
stable ~~[illegible]~~ on to my barn 13 ft x
32. I gave two hundred for the mason
work. Most of the stone I have on
hand, that I purchased for the house.
The timbers for the [illegible] I have [illegible]
[illegible]. I have 12 very nice calves (they
are called the best lot of calves around)
that I am going to stable in it. You see
I write to you just as if I was talking to you.
Your brother John

Clearwater, Ia, Nov 6, 87.

Dear Sister Jessie
+ mother,

Yours of Oct 23 I rec'd last week. Also a Postal from Anna a few days before — one last week and this morning one Postal from you. I have not much time to write. I have been very busy lately. It was last week Nov 3, I finished gathering the apples. The crop was pretty good. I had I think over three hundred bushels in all. Fall and Summer apples have been very plenty. A good many have gotten. I have not many left but winter apples. They are still in heaps in the orchard covered with hay so I do not know how many I have but I think near 100 b. Winter apples are worth 50cts. Most of mine are long keepers.

The fall has been the mildest I ever saw. Yesterday potato tops were still green. Last night a sharp frost, with ther. about 18° this morning. My apples in the orchard were a little [illegible] on the outside of the heaps; so today I am not touching them, and they will not be hurt.

I was very glad to hear that brother Eddie had so far recovered. Who is "Charley"? How many children has brother Eddie? You had not written that anything unusual was the matter with mother. You wrote in the last letter that she was better than when you wrote last. I wish I could be at home to enjoy your visit with Eddie. I hope he will continue to improve and that he is quite well by this time. Good bye little [illegible]

Osawatomie Mar. 18 187[illegible]

My dear Sister,

Yours of the 15th was rec'd Saturday evening. I took down a letter for you the same day which I trust you have had by this time. It is a great trouble to me that I cannot be with you now. But it is utterly impossible. I never before so much realized how much mother was our home. And the first words of Moses in the 90th Psalm come to me now with stronger meaning, "Lord thou hast been our dwelling place." And her love, her never tiring affection was so vital that it still wraps us round, though her body lies "mouldering in the grave." How can I ought to thank God every day of my life that he gave me such a mother and such a father, that their lives were [illegible]

be such types of loving godliness.
They were both spared to us to a good
old age. They both left a bright example
for us to follow. I pray that I may hereafter
live more worthy of my opportunities. I have
been much struck lately by reading an anecdote
of a boy that went as a sailor. While
new to the situation, he was sent up into
the mast. His feet were on one rope and
his hands clung to another above. While at
this great height above the deck, a sudden
move of the ship caused his feet to slip
from the rope. He looked down for the rope, became
dizzy, and was about to drop. The mate
below saw the boy's peril, put his trumpet
to his mouth, and shouted, "Look aloft." The
boy did so, recovered his head, and, after, his
footing and was saved. The boy never forgot the
mate's shout, took those words for his life's motto,
and afterwards became a doctor of some note,
John L. Youmans, Prof. [illegible] N.Y.
by the name of Dr. ~~[illegible]~~. Now it strikes
(likely) to me, that perhaps our Father in

Heaven would not have us look down into the sea of trouble that is ready to swallow up life, but would have us look up to the bright sympathetic heavens. There are points of light in the darkness [illegible] that is over us.

Dear sister, [illegible] are [illegible] but if we can look up and not down, look forward and not back, take up the burden of life where we find it, with face steadily to the front, trusting in our heavenly Father, then Heaven shall be.

I hope soon to hear from you again. May the Lord be with us all in our [illegible] affliction. Much love to all of you

from your brother, Tom.

Osawatomie March 16 187[illegible]

Dear Sister,

This has been a sad week for me as it has been for you. I received Mary's card of the 9th and John Eddie's letter of the 11th [illegible] the 12th and brother Eddie's telegram Tuesday. The telegram arrived in Paola at 11.30 A.M. Tuesday and I ought to have rec'd it by mail that evening, but I did not till next day. My mind has been heavy with grief. — I am so far away, that I have been utterly unable to go & see her again before she died or to attend her dear body to its last resting place. And I feel that [illegible] is an overwhelming affliction to you, & whom her magnetic presence

and her self-denying care has made for you a beautiful and happy home for so many years. O, my my heart is sad and heavy when I think of my dear mother, of what she has been to all of us, of her ready sympathy, always going forth more than half way to meet its object; of her sincere and shining piety and ardent desire for the spiritual good of her children. Have I profited as much as I should by her example? May I not still feel, that though dead she yet speaketh?

I would like to hear all particulars. I would like to know whether the home is still secured to you, as I hope it is. My dear sisters, may we have help to say, as our mother taught us when we were children, Thy will be done.

My health is tolerably good.

I have not quite got over my cold for it seems easily to receive accessions. My ability to work is not great. I received [illegible] sermon for which many thanks. Tell [illegible] I should have read it.

I will close this very imperfect letter & cannot express my feelings of grief and longing.

Your brother John [illegible]

Osawatomie Apr 3 1878.

Dear Sister Jennie

Yours of March 27
was received the 30th. I was in
town when the mail came in. I
do not usually get the mail but
twice a week. That was the reason
your letter from Atchison was so long
coming to hand. I trust you re-
ceived mine mentioning the copy
you sent me to sign [illegible]. I
returned it by the [illegible].
I was glad to receive so many
particulars of dear mother's death.
She [illegible] me [illegible] and
think of it [illegible]
I [illegible]. She [illegible]
[illegible] a long life, [illegible]
[illegible]

up her children's children, & to
the [illegible] [illegible] it is one
a blessing. I feel that the Lord
has favored her [illegible] & her
promise with long years of usefulness.

I am just [illegible] going to the
mail. Yesterday it rained all
day and if today we can not
go off the creek. The streams run
between deep banks, and after
a considerable rain they are im-
passable.

My health continues about
the same. The colts still cling
to me. With much love to all
your affectionate brother
John W. Ewell

Osawatomie Saturday
Oct. 5 1878.

Dear Sister Jennie

I received your letter Sept. 28th Thursday evening and your postal of the 1st last evening. I need not say I am glad to hear brother Lewis is better. I have been very anxious to hear, and thank you very much for writing so often. I wish I were near enough to help him a little with the [illegible]. He will have to be more careful not to [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] work at home. I have little time to write. My health remains pretty poor.

With much love
your brother John.

POSTAL CARD.

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Miss Jennie Everett
Remsen
Oneida Co
N.Y.

Osawatomie, Dec. 16, 1881.

Dear sister Jennie

Perhaps you will like to receive a card again from me. I rec'd your last card a few days ago (written about Dec 8th.) I have nothing particular to write. I am in usual health. We are having beautiful weather. No snow and no frost in the ground. I think of you every day. I often think of father's prayer, "Prepare us for whatever may await us." We are widely separated – but His tender mercy is over all his works, and that we may be enabled to trust in Him is my daily prayer. Many things are dark to me, but this feeling is a bright spot. Your brother John R Everett

Osawatomie Feb 11, 1882.

Dear Sister Jennie,

I received three letters from John Eddie, last evening, one containing the sad news of the death of our dear sister Sarah. After long suffering she is at rest, "where the tears are wiped away from all eyes." We are left to mourn for her, but her spirit is bright with the first impress of immortal blessedness. We humbly hope, through the infinite mercy of God, in Christ, that our sister is at rest in one of those "mansions" in our "Father's house." You will be very lonely: but we ought to be thankful that she has been spared as long as she has - that she was always so cheerful and hopeful, so ready to help and devoted as a daughter and sister,

her example so beneficent and blameless. It is impossible to write. I wish I could have been with you. Write soon. With much love your mourning brother

John R Everett

1860.

Osawatomie, May 17

Dear [illegible],

I have a chance to send to the mail and I improve it to write you a very few lines. Wet weather has thrown work behind, and my teams are very busy this week — so I have had no chance to go or send to the mail, although I have received mail twice without sending any for it. The ground was so very heavy that the land had to be stirred with cultivators and [illegible] before it can be planted. Many who had planted have to do it all over, stirring the land [illegible].

You must be [illegible] anxious about Emma. I hope to hear that she is better. I am so [illegible].

am so far from you that I can be of no help. I think of you very often. I often think of father's frequent prayer, "Prepare us for all that may await us." In his hands are the issues of life and death.

I have no time to write more now: Next Monday we will begin planting corn in the field. I have + 25 acres some of sweet corn planted before the rain — for early feed — that came up (most of it) pretty well. This week we have been replanting the vacancies. The fifty dollars perhaps you had better apply to the payment of the [illegible] note that is due. I will send the interest the first opportunity. Hoping to hear from you again, and anxiously desiring the welfare of you all

Your affectionate brother
Jno. R. Everett

I have been taking the [illegible]: [illegible]. I am [illegible] a little better.

Osawatomie Feb 7. 1855

Dear sister Jennie

Yours of Feb 2 was received day before yesterday. I was very glad to hear from you again. And you wrote last. I find it a good deal harder to write than I used to. I can not very well write after night. And my performance in writing, as in a good many other things does not keep pace with my intention. When I get a letter, I think I will answer it immediately. But immediately means too often to-morrow and the tomorrows recede. When it comes it is today, and it is to-morrow I will write. So I have revealed my weakness.

We have had a very cold winter

from Dec. 14 till within about a week. with a few days intermission early in this month. Now the snow is nearly all gone, and it is spring-like, with an April sun, and very little frost nights. It is very muddy. It is a half days journey almost to go to the post office & back, as we have to go by the bridge and the going is so bad.

My health is better than common, but of course am failing in strength. I generally lie down for an hour or two after dinner, but am around enough after night to make up for it. My life is uneventful. I have 41 head of cattle to look after cows and heifers and last spring heifer calves,— and eight head of horses. If I could sell some at a reasonable price I would send you some money. Feed for stock is scarce. I have to buy, and will have to buy

some more. When feeding time is over and spring work begins perhaps it will be easier to sell. How are you getting along in money matters? How is Mary doing in New York? Does she practice any — in addition to her college duties?

I am sorry to hear that Alma is poorly. I find Lactopeptine a great and indispensable help. Sometimes I take it continuously after every meal. Now I only take it occasionally. I find it a help to digestion, and in keeping the bowels regular, when I need it.

I find my memory failing, and causing me trouble and slowness in work: I frequently go twice for the thing (for instance to the milk room) when I ought to have done both errands together. Are you troubled that way? How is your hearing? The sight of the right is getting very dim, both for long

and short distances. ~~+ a~~ The other eye sees good. I found this out lately by breaking the left glass in my spectacles. It is the right side on which I am deafest. But I have no right to complain. I am writing this without glasses, and can read in the same way fine print daytimes, if necessary.

It is sad to hear of the death of old friends like John Roberts felin. Was he long sick? He must have been considerably over three score and ten. Remember me kindly to Mr. R.W. Prichard. Does he stay on the place another year?

I must ~~a~~ close with much love to you both from your brother

John R Everett

Osawatomie, Oct. 17, 1885.

Dear, Sister Jennie,

I write these few lines from the P.O. I am glad to be able at last to send you a little money. I enclose in this P.O. order for fifty dollars. I hope to be able to send enough more this winter to make up one year's interest. I am hard pressed for money. I will do as well as I can.

I am very sorry to hear that your health is not good. I am anxious for particulars, and hope I may hear that you are better. I have little time to write now. Has Mary gone to New York? How is sister Anna? ~~sister~~ My health is better than common for this time of the year.

I am afraid you did too much in the Printing Office. May we both be enabled to trust in an overruling Providence. Hoping to hear soon, with very much love, Your aff. brother

John R Everett

Osawatomie, July 3, 1864.

Dear Eddie

I wonder what you are doing on the Fourth of July? How much do you go to school this summer? We are going to have a school house close to us, so that Frank will not have but little way to go to school this winter. The people of Kansas like to have good school houses for the children, and we mean to have a good school house, with patent seats - one seat for every two scholars, of iron frame and black walnut. I would like to see some of your writing again. And I would like to see you and Frank very much. I hope you both try to be good children. Frank is ready to start, and I must end this letter. From your affectionate father John R Everett

Osawatomie Oct. 13. '61.

Dear Eddie

Was that really your likeness that [illegible] with Robbie's? I really was not [illegible] of it. I have it now before me. The little eyes are looking right into mine. Yes I know the eyes and the little mouth and the nose. How queer that I do not know my own boy! I got your and Robbie's letter a good while ago, but some how I felt so sad when I thought of answering it, and that I could not see you, that I did not have heart to write. I hope and believe that you are both growing to be good boys. Perhaps I can come to see you sometime but I do not know how soon. We have had plenty of apples and peaches and some [illegible]

I wish you could be here to help eat them. Are there any apples in Grandpa's orchard? Did you have any currants and goose-berries? I wonder whether you are learning to help any. Can you bring in chips and wood? Do you ever find eggs in the barn? and go with Robbie to fetch the cows? I guess you are not afraid of the cows. Did you have any strawberries this summer? I wonder if there are any beech nuts? There are some black walnut trees growing right by our door. They make a very pleasant shade to sit under warm summer days. Sometimes when it is very warm we set the table out there, and eat under them. They have nuts on them as large as good sized apples as they hang on the trees. They are a little like butternuts but round and larger. The Western folks call the butter-nut the White Walnut. These

trees of ours are small yet as they have grown from the seasons we have lived here. There are quite a number of nuts on them this year. They are a very handsome shade tree. The weather is very wet here this fall. How is it with you? Can you talk any Welsh? What does bachgen drwg mean? and bara menyn? and llaeth enwyn? Do you want to grow up to be a wise man, and know something? Let me give you a verse — perhaps you know it — "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Will you write to me again? Your affectionate father,

John R. Everett

[illegible] Sept. 23/61.

Dear [illegible]

Your letter [illegible] yesterday. This is the fourth time I have written since the [illegible] weeks. My health is [illegible], though I am able to be around most of the time. I have a bad taste in my mouth a good deal of the time and am weak and nervous, and my stomach being weak. I feel better that I did the beginning of the week. I am taking Peruvian bark for a tonic. The chills generally leave me with a disordered system, from which I recover slowly. We are having most beautiful autumn weather. No frost yet, and [illegible] no [illegible] for at least two weeks. Living [illegible] my [illegible]

sickness my corn was planted quite late, and a good deal of it needs a couple of weeks yet to perfect it.

I was over to a colored people's open air pic nic yesterday. They provided dinner for all that came. [illegible] Anniversary of Lincoln's Proclamation of Emancipation (their Fourth of July. I enjoyed myself much and it did me good. [illegible] had a beautiful shaded grove, a free dinner for all, speeches, &c.

We are having plenty of apples, but I cannot eat hardly any. They sell for 50 cts., but the market is not very reliable. I have lost some by not being able to take care of them. They seem to be dropping early.

The apple crop is not a good one but I will have all I want and some to spare.

Can you get along a little [illegible] pay till winter without the interest that is due. I have some cattle that I intend to [illegible] it from, but I want to keep them a little longer and feed them some before selling. My cattle are all looking very well, and I have been putting up plenty of feed and intend to keep them in good condition through the winter. There is where the profit for me is in keeping cattle. Some have a great luck in buying and selling, and make their profit from the loss of others. "It is naught, it is naught," saith the buyer, but when he goeth

away than in [illegible]. I
have never learned that trick
so I am trying to make my
money by professing.

Well, I do not know but
this is rather a foolish
letter, but I must bring it
to a close.

Good-bye and hope to
hear soon from you soon,
Your brother,
John.

I left this open till I got to the P.O. fearing I might get [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] today, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Osawatomie Feb. 12, 1857.

Dear Eddie,

How good some body was to
fill your stockings so nicely Christmas!
Were the shoes put in the stockings? The
[illegible] as if it
would like to step in, but couldn't
come. I guess the candy disappeared in some
strange way long ago, and [illegible]
[illegible] the almonds but I guess you have
got the [illegible] yet, and your shoes (aint
there a hole in the toe?) and your toy bed.
I suppose your toy bed is a spare bed, and
it is always in nice order. Who do you
suppose Santa Claus really is? I have
seen pictures of him, a clever looking person
with long white beard, kind eyes, very
mirthful looking countenance, pretty old.
And then I have heard of his clattering
over roofs, and coming down chim-
neys. He seems especially fond of little
boys, and finds out just what they want.
Now he wouldn't put any thing in

my stockings if I should hang them up a year. A very strange person, if he is a person.
Now I'll tell you a story about two little boys, Freddy between 3 & 4 yrs old and Willie, 5. They had always lived in a city and both were fond of milk. While in the country last summer it chanced that one day for the first time in their lives they saw a cow milked. "Willie," said Freddie, "do you see that? I don't want any more milk after the cow has had it!" That evening their milk was [illegible]ched. Freddie said he did not want any milk after the cow had had it. Willie then told [illegible] they had made that [illegible]. [illegible] mother then explained that the milk did [illegible] come to them second hand - that the cow [illegible] the grass, and that by the wonderful process [illegible] such as the good God ordered the grass was changed into milk. This satisfied Willie, but Freddie still turned up his nose at milk. After [illegible] Willie took his brother aside into the corner [illegible] - "[illegible] right, Freddie," said he. "The cow eats grass, and that's what makes the milk. Now [illegible] the cow didn't eat the grass you would [illegible]. That's what the cow is [illegible] you see. That's what the cow is for." This satisfied the young philosopher, and he had no hesitation after that about drinking his milk.
You are learning to make your letters better. [illegible] take a good deal of pains with [illegible] enough you [illegible] the words. Write to me [illegible] and [illegible] both. Your Father

[illegible]

Your affectionate [illegible]

[illegible]

Osawatomie Oct. 1 185[illegible]

My Dear Son

I received yours of [illegible], the day before yesterday. I was very glad to get your letter. I was feeling very lonely and had been looking for a letter so long I began to get discouraged. I think you are having a very good chance for schooling - much better than you would have been. I used to be very fond of Algebra and Arithmetic, and liked Grammar. What History are you studying? I never studied Geology at school; but it is a subject of science I am much interested in. I would like to study it practically with an intelligent teacher - go to the rocks and interrogate nature. Not many months ago a variety of rock was discovered a few miles from here, [illegible]

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[illegible] are old settlers – boys [illegible]
years ago. They had a stone threshold
of the [illegible] and found [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible], that it was capable of
a high polish. [illegible] discovered [illegible]
it [illegible] composed [illegible] of minute
shells, one I noticed a [illegible] – [illegible]
microscopic – the [illegible] floating appears
in it. Since [illegible]
can see a part of the [illegible] of the
shells below the surface. The stone
cutter, who excavated [illegible],
showed me the stone – a [illegible] – with
a prospecting glass, magnifying [illegible]
[illegible] the thought – I [illegible] much [illegible]
in it, and thought [illegible]
[illegible] wealth lies around us, if we
had eyes to see it. The earth is our
home, and a pretty good one, – the Lord
said "very good;" but I fear we are very
much strangers in it. This stone is being

used now for years stead of monuments.
It was submitted to a competent judge
at a school or Dartmouth College in N.H.
(45 m. North of this state) and he pronounced it
a variety of marble — (my informant should
be correct
Jonathan)

I have over fifty acres in cultivation,
163 fenced. I have two hired boys working.
I paid them $16 a month this summer
last winter for 2 or 3 months I had
two young men working for their
board — & going to school. I do not
think I find farming very profitable
as I can not work enough out of doors
myself. I do all the housework — & now
all my girls about the house, & all the
school children — they come here after
water. My crop this year is moderate
— but better than last year. Probably
12 to 15 or 16 tons of hay 50 bu of potatoes 2 or 3 —
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the hot month it only brought 10 c a pound; week before last 15cts. last week 16cts. It is 2½ or three miles to Osawatomie; the nearest Railroad station is about 11 miles, Paola. There was a road [illegible] through Osawatomie and the embank-ment thrown up; but it never was any farther - killed by the hard times. If it had been begun three months earlier, it would have been built.

I am afraid you will find this an unsatisfactory letter. I have to leave many of your questions unanswered (I'w [illegible]) I got mother's Postal of [illegible]. I am sorry to hear of your Uncle Eddy's sickness, and will be anxious about him till I hear again. I hope your Uncle Lewis will not have any more faint spells. Give my love to Frances & Ina and to Jane Esther, and all at home. Please write again

Your father J R Evans

Osawatomie Nov. 6, '77

Dear Eddie

Are you much of a star gazer. You know now for some time ~~tok~~ we have had four evening stars. I have taken a good deal of interest lately o'nights watching them, and their changes relatively to each other. Last Saturday night Mars & Saturn almost touched, so that Saturn seemed like a pendant to Mars. (It was rather cloudy here.) Now Jupiter is hurrying down the sky as if he was going to stop over on Venus. When the New Moon comes round again they say it will almost if not quite touch Venus, about Nov. 9, I believe. Watch for it and I will.

My health is pretty good better

them in the rest for some years before.
I have 47 head of cattle & 4 horses
to take care of — 12 cows to milk —
make a little over 5 lbs of butter
a day, worth now 20 cts a pound.
Have 2 brood hogs and 2 sows with
13 pigs. Have killed 2 fat hogs that
weighed alive 830 lbs at 4 1/4 cts
a pound. Have now two boys working
for me. I sometimes (and often) think
it keeps me poor, hiring so much,
and having to do so much [illegible]
work. But I find better to have
plenty to do, and I cannot live alone.
One of the boys has been with
me all summer, and is quite
trusty. I pay $16 a month. [illegible]
[illegible] from your old father
[illegible]

Osawatomie [illegible]

My dear son,

I wrote you a short note last Sunday, as I had to send to town to get some medicine (Bryonia). It was some I had let a friend have to try, and I was fearful it might be all gone. I got the B.; and it seemed to operate all right. To day I have felt pretty well but weak, although I was quite sick two days and nights. To day I have had to be about most of the day, and feel quite tired, I had to make butter to day. I let the hired boy churn and I worked the butter (about 15 lbs.) Then I had to get dinner ~~and~~ skim milk &c. We ought to be thankful to be able to work. I had to take the B. somewhat longer for

it was a different form from the first I got with direction.

I was very much pleased to get your letter of Jan 9. I intended to answer immedi-ately. I have never seen "Scribner" to ex-amine it. It bears a first rate reputa-tion. I have seen Steele's Fourteen Weeks series highly commended in the Tribune ~~written~~ in the Home Interest Department (edited by a highly accomplished lady). How much does it cost? Do you know what Lockyer's Astronomy costs? Astronomy has made such wonderful advances since my school days that it is almost a new science. I am afraid I take more pleasure in looking up than down. But that is foolish for one should examine one's own home first. But all are the work of the one Creator, our Father wise and just and kind. I do not know what our outcropping rock is. The prevalent rock (and there is a great deal of it) is fossil limestone

I have Swinton's U.S. History. It is rather skeleton-like for the general reader, but I do not doubt it is an admirable school book. I am so tired it pains me to write.

Do the Homeopaths have any remedy for lack of appetite, or do they wait for it to come around? Or any for fits of too craving appetite

I have 28 acres of land in all. I have not sold any winter apples yet. They are not so high as I thought in the fall they would be. Mine will be at their best in March and April.

Wednesday morning. I feel better this morning, but have no time to write. Do not fail to write again. Your father

[illegible]

Osawatomie July 5 1880.

My dear son,

I was very much gratified when I received the Daily Herald to learn that you passed your examination so creditably, and had been thinking of writing to you for some days when I got your letter. I ought to have answered immediately but have been hindered. I have but little time now, so must proceed to business. I would like you to write me about the ~~N. Y.~~ College of New York. What is its course of study? Is it a Department of the N. Y. city Public Schools? Why are its examinations for admission one year in advance? The Herald speaks of your examination, as for admission to the College. I think you must

have been kept pretty busy
last winter with so many studies.
It is hard to say what your chance
of getting a school here would be.
There is a plenty of teachers - generally,
I think more than get schools. But
then there are a good many whose
qualifications are not first-rate
and who get a low grade of certificate.
If you should pass an examination
exceptionally well, I think, perhaps,
you might get a school, if you
were on the ground early. Your youth
would be a disadvantage. But one
of the most satisfactory schools
that we have had in our District
was taught by a girl of seventeen
and she had taught very creditably
two or three previous terms elsewhere. I was
in Paola last week, and tried to
see the County Superintendent of
Schools, to get something definite, but

he was not in his office—

Certificates grade "A," "1," "2," "3." A small proportion get "1"— a much smaller "A." We hired last winter a lady teacher with a No 1 certificate. We gave her $25 per month for 4 mo. & 22½ for 3 mo. this summer. She boarded at home in the neighborhood. Her qualifications were very good, but she was a little deficient in government. Wages range from $20 to $45 or $50 a month. Board about $2. When the wages are low board is expected to be low.

I do not know that I can give a full list of studies:— Geog. Hist. Arith. Gram. Orthography. Penmanship. Theory & Practice of teaching, Agricultural Geology (text book Kedzie of the Eclectic Educational Series) Drawing, I think. Constitution of the U.S. This is taken from memory, & may not be quite right. My time is up and I will have to say "To be Continued in our Next."

My health has been poor for

What is a
Grammar Schoo[l]?
please &c.

the last ten days, and this is one reason I have not written before. I feel much better today. We are milking 18 cows (what milk the calves don't take.) Make about 8# of butter a day. Get only 11 cts. & that is 2 cts or over above the store price. I would be very glad indeed to be able to come & see you, or for you to come out here, if it appeared to be best. and I want to see Frank's little girl. I am afraid I will write you again, before I get an answer to this very imperfect letter. I know you will answer me, and soon, but it seems in writing to you, as if I could not get an answer soon enough. With much love from your affectionate father

John R. Everett.

Pennsylvania Oct 11 1857

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Your father J. R. Everett

Osawatomie Jan 26, 1882.

My dear son

You have been very faithful lately in writing me letters. I feel very thankful to you, also to your Aunts Jennie and Anna. I am sorry there is no better news to write about Aunt Sarah. I have little time to write now. As I have a chance this afternoon to send to the mail, I will write a little. I think on the whole my health is a little better this winter than common. I sold 8 head of steers (coming two yrs old next spring) lately for $160. This was quite a relief to me, as I am short of feed, and these 8 head I had no ~~sta~~ble room for, and I was feeding to disadvantage. Most of the cattle here are fed out of doors

and in stormy or muddy weather
feed is scattered out of the yard
anywhere in the driest places
generally from a sled or wagon,
and the manure measurably lost.
I have still 52 head (cows and young
cattle) besides one calf. I am fatten-
ing 16 hogs that will weigh now
over 4000 pounds — most of them fit
for market, but they are all gaining
and doing first rate, and I think the
price will be better. Most of the
hogs around here this fall have
been sold for $5.25 per 100 — from that
a little up. I have been offered
6cts for the best of mine, but they
are gaining as fast as they have been
at all. I feed shelled corn soaked
in milk, or now, when milk is not
so plenty, milk and water. I must
close now, with love to all. Hoping
to hear soon Your father
John R Everett

Osawatomie, Feb. 6. 1882.

My dear son.

I have just found that I have a chance of sending to the mail. So I take this opportunity of writing to assure you all of my sympathies. I received yours of Feb. 1 Saturday evening. I was down myself. It was rather late, and the difference between the night and day temperature chilled me. Saturday night and yesterday I had a light fever. I have had to lie down most of the time yesterday and to-day. To day I am sweating, and am better. I have taken bryonia pellets. I think I shall be all right in a day or two. The weather is quite warm. There is no frost in the ground. Last night there was no frost. The wind is strong

from the South. I lost a cow Saturday at the time of calving. I laid it to old age. She was a calf in '66. The winter so far has been unusually warm. Before the middle of January we had a short spell of severe weather that made ice three or four inches thick on ponds. There was a little of that ice put in ice houses, but the ice season was over in two or three days, and has not returned. I must close. I suppose you can not study much now. I have taken a good deal of pleasure lately in reading the Revised New Testament. How do you like it? With love to all

Your affectionate father
J. R. Everett

Osawatomie Feb. 13 1882.

Dear John & Eddie

I wrote a few lines to your Aunt Jennie Saturday. I have only a very short time to write now. I feel very sad to think I could not have seen your Aunt Sarah again. On her account it was a mercy that her days of pain and suffering were shortened. And it is pleasant to remember that while she lived she made the world brighter for her presence.

I am very anxious to hear how you all are, after the anxiety and care and strain are over. Especially about Anna and Jennie. I have been having a bad cold, but am nearly over it now. The weather is warm and very pleasant.

I have just sold 3 head of cattle.
— 3 cts a pound for a heifer + cow fat;
and 2 1/2 cts for an unthrifty cow not
fat. To be weighed and delivered Thursday
— You said you would like me to
write something of my farming
business, so I give this item.
It seems more like April than
February weather. With love to all,
Your affectionate father
John R Everett

Osawatomie, May 17, 1883.

My dear Son

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Osaw-atomie June 9. 1883.

My dear son

I wrote you a letter directed to Racine last Saturday June 2. This is the last time I have been in town, and the last day's mail. I received one from you that day mailed at Milwaukee. This has been a wet week. It rained monday, Wednesday night, and yesterday morning. John has done less than one day's plowing this week. We have been building a wire fence from the cow-yard South to the road, so as to have a lane to drive the cows. And we have been resetting and wiring the ~~road~~ fence on the North side of the road through the timber. Flora had a horse colt last Sunday. It is not large but well made. There

has been a good chance for her to rest this week. Yesterday we cleaned the well. There is not much water coming in. The well may have failed permanently. There is plenty of water running in the branches and in the springs. John's filly cut herself very badly on the wires on the neck & breast one day this week. Horace Barnard has been moving his house over to the other quarter section. The place seems more lonesome for that house being gone. There is a "Chatauquan" here for you and a package of other Col. papers. We have had two messes of early potatoes. They are rather small yet. Ma's health is about as usual.

Affectionately your father,

John R Everett

[illegible] for [illegible] Thanksgiving [illegible] received in town.

Osawatomie June 14. 1883.

My dear Son

I received yours from Hillsdale dated the 11th yesterday. John Shafer brought it out. I am going to Paola after bran today and it is now after 10 o'clock. I will have to go by the bridges. Last Monday night we had a heavy rain - 3½ inches in the pail - We have only plowed 2 or three hours so far this week, on Monday, probably can not plow before Saturday, if it does not rain again. Snow and Ad Walters have both been sick, and have not plowed any. Both are better now. There is as much as three feet of water in the well.

You will not fail to go in-

your mother's grave at [illegible], and
write me about it. I would
be very glad to be with you and
make a visit there, and to go on to
New York. Give my best respects
to all our relatives in Pennsylvania.
I am glad to think you enjoyed
your visit at Hillsdale. In regard
to Bro. Butler's offer, I think it
well worth considering. It may
be a very good thing for you, if
it would be agreeable to your
aunties. Your uncle Butler
might be able to advise and
assist you to get something to
do to help yourself, if you had
leisure time, vacations or term time.
Willie Carruth paid his way in the
University at Lawrence, at least part
of the time by acting as janitor.
He is now professor at the University.
Good bye, my dear boy
From your affectionate father
John R Everett

There are two Chen-tanguas here for you. If here [illegible] & them! Your loving father J R Everett

Osawatomie, July 3. 1883.

Dear Eddie.

John Shafer is going to town, and I will write you a few lines. I got a card from you dated at New York, the last time I was at the [illegible], (Saturday.) I took some butter to the Asylum. [illegible] Smith resigned, and a Democrat from Nemaha Co., by the name of Peckham, is in his place since July 1.

There is some excitement around town on account of hydrophobia. Some 20 head of cattle have died. Isaac Snyder lost 1, Dan Shipman 3, Artie Roscoe 2 or 3 and others one or two. Some one in Paola has a mad stone. Artie Roscoe in giving medicine to his cow

got froth on a sore ~~in~~ his hand. He went to Paola and had the mad stone applied, and it stuck to his hand 4½ hours. They claim the stone will not stick unless the poison of hydrophobia is in the wound. The poison they claim is absorbed by the stone, and they remove the poison from the stone by boiling it in sweet milk. I have heard of two horses being mad and they were killed. One of them chased some men three miles before they could get away from him. A good many dogs have been killed about town.

John [illegible] is plowing the corn for the third (& last) time. The corn looks well. The weather is very warm. John is waiting for this. Love to your Aunt Mary. I am going to get time to write to her as soon as [illegible]. I would like to [illegible] of Corry. Many thanks for that Star Atlas.

Osawatomie, July 28, '83.

Dear Eddie

I received a letter from F.L. Weigand, to whom I have told you I owe fifty dollars, saying he was in need of the money. I want you to ask your Aunt Jennie whether it would be convenient for her to send it to me. I paid Mr W. 8 per cent. I have received two letters from you since I have written. I was very glad to have you write so fully about Corry and your relatives there. Did you see your mother's grave? You ask about Horace Barnard. The story was not true. He moved his house on the [illegible]

from the school House to Snow's.
on the second roll — a very pretty
location. I do not see anything
of him. My health is better
than last year at this time.
We have been cutting the
millet hay this week. Had
a good crop. The corn is
looking well. Had a good
moderate rain this week..
I write this in much haste
Please excuse brevity.
Next week we are going to
begin on the prairie hay.
I received that large magnifying
glass. I shall cherish as another
proof of your affection. I was
glad to see the specimens of
magazines you sent.
With much love to all
Your aff: father John R Everett

Osawatomie Aug. 1[illegible], 1883.

Dear Eddie

I was in Maj. Williams store a few days ago, and they were enquiring about you. Charlie asked if you were going to Chautauqua? Major told me to tell you that Katie Smith was there. I was in Paola Tuesday, the 14th & received a letter from you at the P.O. I can't find it now, and am afraid it is lost. I sold the four large hogs I bought of Wm. A[illegible] on week before last. (Aug 5.) I got $5.— a hundred. They weighed 1850— when I bought them they weighed 650. I kept them just 6 mo. and one week. The Delay sow died. She was quite forward with pigs. Before

that they were all dainty about eating. I thought their milk and corn was getting too sour, so I changed their feed - soaked their corn in water, and fed the milk soon after skimming, and they did better. Three of the young sows have had pigs, only raised 10. - one six, and the other two each. The corn is looking very well - much better than last year. We have had seasonable rains, but it has not been very hot - much of the time. John Shafer has been sick for over a week. Mr Bullock is working for me, and Andy Hutchins this week. We are nearly done haying. It rained a little last night, and we have hay to take care of today. John Shafer is going to town, so I thought I would write a few lines.

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— I must stop writing now. — [illegible]

Osawatomie, Aug 25, 1883.

Dear Eddie

This is Saturday night. I hoped to have written to you earlier in the week. But I have been [illegible] "Lithered." I will write a few lines and perhaps finish again. I was very glad to get that Photograph. Bullock thought it a "splendid likeness." When Lieutenant [illegible] was here [illegible] the week I showed it to him. He wanted you to send him one. He wished me to tell you to write. He said you promised to write to "us boys."

My health is better than it was last year at this time, and better than usual at this time of the year. I do nearly all the churning. Hattie has

grass out in the pasture, and we have been driving to the creek for a few days. I am making 7 or 8 pounds of butter a day — price 15 cts. I have some very fine calves. I was offered $15 the other day for Flora's colt. Bullock is yet working for me. Frank Taylor is here now hauling the manure out of the yard. I pay him a dollar a day. We finished haying early in the week. John Shafer is having the chills. He is not able to do anything, and has been here very little this week. The weather is very pleasant now — dry — with heavy dews, cold nights, and not too warm days. We are hoping for rain to make stock water. Apples are not plenty, but we have enough to use. Tomatoes are very good, wild plums are plenty and good. Potatoes made a good growth, but a good many rotten, and I don't

know how they will dig. Late potatoes look well, but they must have rain.

I long to write to you often but do not seem to "get to do it." I must stop to night

Monday 6 P.M. I have a chance to send to the mail. So I close with love to all from your affectionate father John R Everett

Give my love to Jane Esther and Frankie when you see them. Tell Jane Esther I have been wanting to write to her, but I believe I have

but the art of letter writing. Give her the Photograph her name is &c.

Comalonia, Sept. 15 '[illegible]

Dear Eddie

I write you a few lines in haste. I have been gladdened by several letters and cards from you since I have written. It always does me good to hear from you. I have sold this week 8 yearlings for $160. the bull for fifty; and the four old cows for seventy five. I did not get enough for the cows but the others I did well enough on; besides the cows are slow sale. The corn is nearly all cut up; the fodder is better than last year, and the corn seems good.

My health has been better

this fall than last, although for the last few days I have not been very well. I am sorry to hear that your Aunt Mary does not get strong. I am sorry that there is not room enough in our house to ask her to come and try Kansas air for a little while.

I have a good deal of a notion not to make butter next year – to take a rest from that labor – if I can see my way clear. It has been very dry for a month past. there is not enough water in the well, but plenty in both springs. I would like to write at least as often as you, but seem to fail to my satisfication. I would like to hear of your success in study and what you are studying. Love to all My sincere love to yourself & Cousin Mary and family. Your father J.H. [illegible]

[illegible]

Monday morning, Sept. 30 1873.

My dear Eddie

I have received a letter from you and another from you and your aunt Jennie and ~~[illegible]~~ since I have written. I am sorry I am so poor a correspondent. I always rejoice to get your letters. So please do not be discouraged by my lack of punctuality. Mr Bullock's father and mother-in-law have been here on a visit for a little over two weeks, and he is going to take them to Pella, on their return this morning. This started me to write these few hasty lines. Mr [illegible] said he [illegible] before he left. This one in his [illegible] the [illegible] even the [illegible] would be [illegible], and a [illegible]

farmers lost heavily on their tobacco crop. He saw no good corn till he got near Kansas City. Corn here will be a good deal shrunken by the severe drouth of the past five or six weeks — at least through September we have had very little rain. But the rains through July and in August were more plentiful than last year. [illegible] many failed in getting in their corn early enough or after planting there was not moisture enough to start it till the [illegible] rains. Ours was planted earlier and started better than perhaps the average in our neighborhood.

Mr [illegible] liked the looks of my spring calves very much. He said in Wisconsin they would be worth twenty to twenty five dollars. But my yearling steers he

said would not have bought over 15 dollars there. I have been offered $17 apiece for my spring calves all sound heifers and steers. I thought I would keep the heifers to improve the herd and not sell the steers till they are worth about twenty dollars.

Today Shafer and Bullock are waiting for me. All the spare time the last two weeks John Shafer and the other two have been pulling and cutting off cockle burrs and piling them up to burn. They are a bad weed and we are going to try to get rid of them. John proposed the plan and I told him I would find a hand to work with him. It has taken longer than we expected. John thought he had plowed and pulled them all up when he was tending the corn. He hopes the plan will [illegible] them

I have rented the farm to [illegible] year. Now after taking care of the barn, he is going to haul manure, he putting in his time by himself, and I paying a hand to work with him. The [illegible] hauled [illegible] to be [illegible] on the [illegible] ground before [illegible].

My health is considerable better than last fall. I have not quite got over the lameness and weakness in my [illegible] and am troubled a little with my legs especially the left knee. I am sorry I am not an [illegible] Mary and Jennie's letters. I find my intentions (future) go a good deal beyond my performance. This is a very poor excuse.

I must close with love to all.

Affectionately your father

John R. Everett

Osawatomie Nov 2 [illegible]

Dear Eddie

Your last letter received was dated Oct. 18. This is Friday [illegible], and it will be a week tomorrow [illegible] I have been to town or got any mail. I hope there will be a letter when I go or send down. I hoped to go to day but could not accomplish it. Perhaps I can not go tomorrow. John Shaper is still hauling manure. He and my hand have hauled nearly ~~over~~ 200 loads ~~[illegible]~~ and there is more yet. Next week he is going to begin husking corn. He had my share all cut — so I will have to husk it. The corn was all cut up — within a few shocks of 12 [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] feeding the [illegible]

so few have only fed a little of the field fodder, but will have to begin more heavily on it now. This week I have had a floor laid in the log house and the outside door re-hung and made to fit tighter. I am now getting a book cupboard made of pine 3½ x 7 ft. This will be a great comfort. I have nearly or quite lumber enough for this and to floor and ceil the other room. We have also made a shed south of the corn crib using the little granary north of the stable as far as it would go and covering with 12 ft. ship lap pine boards. With [illegible] for a tool shed, and there is room to put up [illegible] other shed. Mr. Bullock's father is the carpenter in the house. He returned from Colorado about two weeks ago pretty feeble from rheumatism, but is recovering. He is slow, but an excellent workman. I will have to pay about one dollar a day

We have had only one frost to freeze water—night [illegible]. We have about gathered the apples—only about 20 bushels this year. I had 65 or 70 bushels of Early Rose potatoes. The peach blows are not any, but there are not many.

I have not as many hogs as I would like— 4 of about 250 lbs. 2 sows that have been raising pigs of about 250— 7 of 140 to 160, and 10 from 40 to 70— in all 23. Hogs were worth last week $4.25. J. H. Phillips that bought our hogs last Spring is running on the Republican ticket for County Treasurer. He held that Office during the Rebellion, and resigned to go in the army. He was here last week soliciting votes and getting Republicans to promise to attend the election—

I have been reading Prof. Arthur Cayley's (Prof. of pure Mathematics in Cambridge Eng.)

address before the British Association in the Living Age for Oct. 20, '83. It is on ~~Mathem~~ the progress and present status of mathematical science. Parts of it are a good deal beyond my depth but I found it quite interesting and suggestive reading. I will quote a sentence "I am not making here a defence of mathematics, but if I were I should desire to do it in such manner as in the 'Republic' Socrates was required to defend Justice, quite irrespectively of the worldly advantages which may accompany a life of virtue and justice, and to show that, independently of all these, justice was a thing desirable in itself and for its own sake." So it seems to me it may be said of the knowledge we get or may get in school, it is prized "in itself and for its own sake." I would not if I could barter my school life for any worldly advantage.

It is getting late and I must go to bed.

Saturday. — Ella [illegible] has gone to E[illegible], [illegible], the [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Taken sick Dec 9
S.L.A.

Osawatomie, Dec. 20 1883.

My dear son

I have been writing a few lines to your Aunt Mary, and am very tired. I am still gaining slowly. I like begin better than commence. How would Gen. 1.1 read "In the commencement &c" I am too tired to write.

With much love to all at home your father

[illegible]

Osawatomie Dec. 27 1883.

Dear Eddie

Had two bad days yesterday and day before. Think I tried to do too much about the [illegible], and probably ate too much. I am feeling better this morning. [illegible] is going to town this afternoon, to get a little lumber. I have two sows that will have pigs, and I am going to make tight warm pens for them. I shall try to get old Mr. Bullock to [illegible], and John Shafer will do most of the work as it is too cold and dry to shuck. We had no [illegible] with the mail yesterday. To day Frank Evans is chopping wood for me. So I have three hands today. I think I can get the lumber on credit, till I sell my hogs. After I sell these four, I have six again that are pretty fat, and that I thought before I was sick would weigh nearly 250 lbs in Jan. 1, [illegible]. Orrin Lessenden has just been here. His mother very kindly [illegible] crab apple preserve, and some cherries. The crab apples taste very good. Orrin wants you to write to him. I told him he had better write first. He took your address. I close now with much love to your auntie and self and to Aunt Esther and Frankie if you see them

Your father [illegible]

Osawatomie Dec 28, (Saturday,) 1883

Dear Eddie

I am afraid you are snowed up, for I haven't heard from you for three days. I will have a chance to send to the mail, so I will write a line. John Shafer is going down, but he is waiting for his cousin, and he does not know just when he will come. I feel very much better this morning, Indeed but for weakness I feel almost well. I have not much appetite yet. I have not much more to write. I am afraid I will not get along very fast unless I can eat more. But I ~~feel~~ am exceedingly thankful that I feel so well. If you come across anything you think I would like to read, send it on. One thing makes me restless nights is I lie awake and can't read. I am not sleeping this morning, as I had to the last few days, so I hope I will sleep better to night. I am reading Dean Stanley's "Sermons on particular occasions." I rather like them (Harper's Franklyn Square Library No. 252.) Did you ever come across Nasmyth's Autobiography in that [illegible]? If you ever do, I think you will like it. Good bye now with love to all.

Your father

John R. Everett

[illegible], Jan. 11, 18[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

I have nothing worthy of a letter to write. Harlan will go to town on an errand and will mail this. Yesterday was rather a cold day, but today is still and sunshiny. I think our bad spell of weather is over. ~~Wesley~~ Henson Shafer is chopping this morning. He is a first rate chopper. Mr. Bullock has been milking, and is going to haul wood.

I do not yet know what cattle I will sell. They are all now cows and heifers, except 9 steer calves (last spring's.) Heifers and cows are better sale than they used to be. I remember Owen Baxter well. He lived in [illegible] for a long time. He used frequently to visit our house. Where is he living now, and what is he doing? Does Mr. [illegible] preach now?

I am not gaining fast, or doing much, but I keep around most of the time. I try to rest all I can. Perhaps I will not recover strength till warmer weather.

I thank you for those pamphlets. Three of the smaller ones (of yours) I had. The large was new to me, & I find it very interesting

Also the Missionary Herald and the Youth's Companion. What do you think of that idea in [illegible] (according to some one's imagining) represented that the earth (now consisting of a thin crust and a molten interior) would by radiation gradually become solid to the center and by contraction crack into fragments, and so go whirling in a system of meteors. I think rather the earth and all created bodies are under the contol of a Governor, and they will run their appointed course according to his will. I have a good deal of sympathy with the Scotchman Carlyle tells of who had hay exposed not only to the ~~r~~ accident of rain, but to the liability of being blown away, as a violent storm was impending fast at time of family worship, said, "I shall get every straw that is appointed me — let us worship God."

Your affectionate father

John R Everett

[illegible], Jan. 12. 188[illegible]

Dear Eddie

Yours of Jan 7. was received yesterday. I quite envy you the privilege of studying the works of the great writers of antiquity. I never read very much of Homer — more of Virgil. I should like to go over both again. Lord Coleridge in his lecture at Yale said he never let a day pass without reading something out of these great masters of style. Try to get at the spirit and aim and [illegible] of their writing, which lies behind the grammatical construction. — Thank you for the package of New York papers. I have not had time to look over them yet. but promise myself the pleasure of doing so to-day. It will be a little like putting my finger on the great pulse of that mighty New-York City for one day. ~~[illegible]~~ May we not consider news[papers] the expression of different phases of current thought? So if you get all the papers of a city for a day or week you are in the very centre of that flow of thought — that clash and collision of opposing theories & feelings and interests out of which will in time come Public opinion.

I have little to write about [illegible]. I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

this morning [illegible] my courage and ambition are good. I shall come out all right.

Your affectionate father
John R Everett

I do not know anything about Horace Barnard or Minnie Stanley (that was). I heard that Horace was going to [illegible], to clerk in a drug store. But I do not know that it is so. I think divorce must be in the air like small pox or cholera. Or does it result from selfishness each seeking their own happiness instead of [illegible] connection an opportunity of sacrificing themselves to make another happy?

If you can get hold of Harper's Magazine for May 1882 read an article on page 849 "Love & Death," and let me know what you think of it. There was no thought of divorce or separation there.

I got three letters yesterday, one from Mary — and Jennie — and you. I have just written to your Aunt Mary, and [illegible], and [illegible] write a line to Jennie.

Osawatomie, April 12, 1884.

My dear Son

I received yours of Apr. 5, day before yesterday. I thank you for writing so fully. [illegible] is going to town to get his plow share sharpened. He has got about a day's more plowing on the large piece by the school house) I am going to sow about 11 acres of millet, which will leave about 49 for corn. The spring seems to be quite backward so far. There has been little planting done yet that I hear of. I have sold two heifers and calves lately. I do not know whether I have mentioned it. They were the two poorest among the three-yr.-olds. I got $50. for the two—(22 and 28). I sold the six fat hogs a week last Monday at 6.00 a hundred. They averaged 423. I want to sell the nine last spring steer calves. These are all I am offering for sale now. I am trying to fatten the heifer we called "Blackie" that stood in the east stable near the South End. I have just weaned her calf, which is over four months old. Grass is coming on quite slowly. I have bought about 125 shocks of corn fodder, and a ton of millet hay. I am afraid yet I will be rather short of feed.

I do not think I have enough to last till the 25th of this month, but perhaps nearly. I have now 14 calves — 8 heifers. Speck had a calf day before yesterday — Thief about 2 weeks ago, and the white spotted three yr. old (Humphry's calf) about a week ago. This week I have been having a roof put on the hog house, that I had built when I was sick. The weather has been dry, which has favored plowing. Last night we had a rain. Tom is not going to plow this morning, but thinks it will be dry enough by afternoon. I will have to buy corn. John has nearly 300 bu. which (or a part of it) I will probably buy. I am very sorry I cannot send you the [illegible] interest I owe your Aunt Jennie. I seem to have run behindhand this winter, and have not yet caught up here. Did your uncle Eddie have any thing left from the sale of his house? Did he get a fair price for it?

When will you be ready for college. If I understand you right it is this summer. Where do you think of going?

I have been troubled lately with inability to sleep enough. I think it is owing to or dependent on indigestion. Last night and the night before I slept better.

I have written this letter while Bullock is milking, as

it seems [illegible] y. I am very glad to hear that your Aunt Anna is gaining. I hope in the spring she will get new life. Do you ever see any of Alden's cheap reprints? I wish I had more money to spend for books. I see Alden is going to publish a Dictionary and Cyclopedia combined. I think it ~~be~~ may be worth having. I must close now with love to all. I am glad to read what you write about Frankie. I would be very happy to see her and get acquainted. It would then be easier to write. I hope your Aunt Jennie will forgive me for being so poor a correspondent. If I get so I can sleep a little better I shall have more life. From your affectionate father

John Everett

Osawatomie, Dec. 13, '84.

Dear Ettie,

I can only write a few minutes. I am quite depressed by the result of the election, and am really not reconciled to it. It did me good to hear that you voted for Blaine. I think St John's canvass was a great mistake, to say the least, — perhaps one of those blunders that are almost or quite a crime. He lowered himself in my estimation very much indeed not by being a candidate, but by his untruthfulness and unfairness. I remember in one of his speeches he [illegible] for his one-sided attack on the Republican party and candidate by saying that the Democrats had not had enough to do with making laws to find fault with

I received your two letters from [illegible]. Very many thanks. Write again when you can. Every thing you write is interesting. Have no time to write more now.

them. That was his illustration, strong very unsatisfying. Since the election he is reported as saying that he expected from the beginning that Cleveland would win. I consider that he injured the temperance cause by dragging a high moral principle in the very mire of questionable partisan politics. What would have thought in old antislavery times in '40 + 44 for instance if slavery had been abolished in those states mainly by one of the old political parties, if a liberty party candidate had gone over the country abusing that party (as St John has abused the Republican party). But enough of this. The gallant old ship was wrecked close to port. The contest was not a fair one. The 152 southern vote made solid by fraud and intimidation was the weight we had to carry. The logic of the situation is that the most intelligent party

the country is to be ruled by the most unintelligent part. The Negroes by the former disloyal.

Bullock has built him a log-house on Stought's land. He has not worked for me for a few weeks. George Evans is working for me. German Snyder is here going to school and working for his board. We are having a very wet time. It rained and turned to snow. This morning was quite cold — about 2° above zero. Until this change ~~Th~~ it has been warm and mild for the season of year. I only had to drive cattle to the creek for a short time this fall. Eunice Reynolds was married day before yesterday to George McClain a brother of Will McClain the Photographer. E. H. Crane, the lawyer, died last week, after only three days illness, of inflammation of the membrane that lines the brain

Your friend Mary was well acquainted with his wife. We have been having interesting meetings at the school house for several weeks — about three or four evenings in a week and every Sunday. This week meetings were given out but the [illegible] weather hindered. I have not attended one of the night meetings. [illegible] Moses Allen and his wife have come forward.

I would be glad to hear anything about your studies if you have time and inclination to write. Who is the President, and who are your teachers. President North is the last name I remember.

I must close. It is three o'clock and a long way to town by the bridge, and the roads as bad as they get. [illegible] take this down. My health is better than common. Remaining I am as low as [illegible]. Very affectionately your father [illegible]

Osawatomie Oct 9. 1885

Dear Eddie

I cannot write much from the P.O. Just recd yours of Oct 5 from Clinton. Am very much concerned about your sister Jennie. Was just sending her fifty dollars ~~when~~ before reading your letter. But had the order cancelled till I hear from you again. Had I better send it to [illegible] or to you to give her? My health is pretty good now. Am very glad you write me what you are doing. I must close as I will have to get the cows up & have to go home.

Your father

J. H. Everett

Osawatomie Aug 14 1871.

Dear Eddie

How would you like to come home for a vacation before beginning another year? It might be good for you and would be very pleasant for us.

It is a long time since you have [illegible] at home. Especially to you. do not stay at Anthony would this seem feasible. It would be delightful for us, and not bad for you. [illegible] I intend to put a little addition 16 x 10 with a high [illegible] roof so as to make room for a bed upstairs. I got a letter from cousin Mary Ann Roberts from China written thinking I might come there for my age. It has not been read to me yet. A very pleasant letter. Robert said [illegible] as we rode from town last evening. I write this while waiting for the [illegible]

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I am tolerably happy. which I suppose ought or
not to be. Elsewhere would be happier possible [illegible]
but I think I will not try it. [illegible] for the
sake of the record and consistency. As for the

[illegible] matter alluded to in mine of the 15th. it is
status quo antebellum. There will common or [illegible]

common [illegible] lead. I amuse myself by [illegible]
repeat in a walking position nearly the whole of
Gray's Elegy. besides some other bits [illegible]

I find it pleasant and profitable. Is it
not better to learn one [illegible] than to
skim over a whole book?

a few days. I am intending to spend or make
[illegible] thinking [illegible]
[illegible] in Michigan and Chicago.

[illegible] and may [illegible]
Thanks I am [illegible]

Your father, John [illegible]

Have you learned any-thing of the Helena Ell-strera? A very enthusiastic and intelligent

lady [illegible] here last evening

to sell one I have put myself to it to crack

Osawatomie Aug. 26/70

Liddell, Clark & King

Please let Will Shafer

have an axe for me. And

oblige John R. Everett

Chicago Nov. 2 1891.

Dear Eddie

I hope you are enjoying your visit at Hillsdale, and wish I could be with you. I seem to be getting along better here than at the hospital. I did ~~not have~~ yesterday [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ spells Saturday to be improving. I on did not wear the bandage yesterday only the shade. With love to all

Your father John R Everett

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Chicago Nov. 3 1891.

Dear Eddie

Yours from Ypsilanti was received about noon to day. I am getting along well here better than at the Hospital.

I have had a walk yesterday with cousin. We went to Jefferson Park and walked twice around it. To day we walked four times around the Park, making [illegible] a mile and a half besides the distance from here to the Park. At [illegible] to set out to [illegible]. Both eyes were treated [illegible] the sore one [illegible] my eye is getting better every day. It seems less sore now than at all. All that I have to complain of here is that I am treated too well. I am sorry I can not be with you to [illegible] Your father A.R.B.

Love to all

Osawatomie Nov. 14 189

Dear Eddie We are going over to town today and I must send you a line. It is raining a little this morning. I saw the moon last night for the first time since the operation. It looked like a pillar of fire — as the lamps in the street looked in Chicago. I tried the reading glass; and it seems in shape. The most brilliant moon I think I ever saw. — I owe you a great deal; I do not think I could have had a good results if you had not been with me to see that every thing was right. I hope I may be able to do something for you. I have not done anything to attract much attention. I feel happy to be at home again, and get around better than I expected. I will try to write often and hope to hear often from you.

With love
your father

What do you think of the verse

Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in him; and he will bring it to pass.

Osawatomie Apr. 4 1892.

Dear Eddie

This is the only bit of paper I can find. I will get more when I go to town. Your card (Chicago) and your letter from Ypsilanti came to hand together Saturday. We were very glad to hear from you. Mr Stott the jeweler fitted or inserted the spectacle glass. But it was a little too larger and the screw consequently too short. So it came loose the next morning on rubbing the glasses. I got Libby to tie it in tightly with thread, and it does very well so thus far. I find it a great improvement on the old glass, and am very glad to have it. It is a continual wonder that I can see so much better with it. Tell your Aunt Mary that I forgot to send that Postal Card to the Bible Society. I fully intended to do it but it slipped my mind till too late. I am very sorry. We had a very heavy wind Friday and it is blowing hard to day. Yesterday it rained. Saturday was the first day this spring that Robert could plow. It was only barely dry enough. Today it is too wet. The Inter Ocean came by Saturday's mail. We are all pretty well. Today the children have gone to school. What is the best book on Natural Theology? If you want money let me know, and I will try and send you some. I felt quite lonely after you left. Be sure and let me know how you

are getting along and how you are feeling and what are your prospects. I have felt bad all the week that you went from home so barehanded. Is Treleaven, the optician, still at 76 State street. I may write to him after a little. Love to all. Write soon to your father

John R Everett

Osawatomie, March 16, 1892

The Inter Ocean, Chicago

Please send daily value of enclosed $1.00 (in continuance.) Address

John R Everett
Osawatomie
Kansas

Osawatomie May 28 1872

My dear son;

I have received two letters from [illegible] since I have written. I can only write a few ~~it~~ words now. We go to town again this afternoon. I am very glad to hear from you so often. I will try to be a little more punctual. I do not find writing very pleasant. If I ever change my glasses, perhaps it will be possible to get a longer focus. I found the "Burning Questions" in the shelves. I will send [illegible] by mail the next time I go down to P.O. I have not been feeling as well since I wrote last. Of bad cold. But I am better now. Have you heard from Frankie lately. Perhaps you remember my writing a few lines, and sending a photograph when you [illegible] here. I have not heard from her since. The [w]eather has been better this week for farming ~~this~~ ~~wk~~ Robert will have some of his early planting to over again. He will get through corn planting

planting Monday or Tuesday if it does not rain too much & all but the replanting. Robert folks are all well. I must close now so as to get ready for town. Next I believe I will write the day before town day.

With much love your father
John R Everett

Please not be discouraged because I do not [illegible] more promptly or fully. When I lay down [illegible] even if I think I am careful, I can not al[illegible] find it again

Osawatomie [illegible] June 29 1892.

Dear Eddie,

We had a good rain last Saturday. This has been a very hot month. It has been cooler since the rain, but to-day it is hot again but with a good South wind. I got your last letter Wednesday. I am very glad to hear so often, ~~I find~~ I have not learned yet to keep my letters so I can get hold of them, when I want to write back. I got a letter from cousin Mary Ann Saturday. She says it seems as if it rains twelve hours out of every twenty four. Clarks folks were all well. She said she was pretty well with the exception of ~~some~~ a little rheumatism and neuralgia. She has a good tenant below. We are all in usual health here. Our corn crop is looking very well so far. I wonder some times how those tall Chicago buildings would stand a regular Western cyclone with the regulation cloud in the shape of an elephants

break sweeping down State street.

On ship board I have heard of firing a cannon
into a water spout and so disarranging the
ideas of the water spout as to render it
harmless. Here is a suggestion for the clerk of
the weather, gratis. I find the "Greek Method" interes-
ting. I get along slowly I have only reached the
33d lesson, I often wonder how the languages
was preserved in such harmony when they did
so much fighting. I know little of the Anglo Saxon
tongue. How barren the English seems to be beside the
Greek or Hebrew. Still we seem to get along very
well. But do we not use more words to give
definiteness and precision? I suppose Homer did
a great deal to keep the Greek language in form
as the Bible has done for the English. With love

from your father

John R Burrill

Osawatomie July 4 1892.

Dear Eddie

I received yours yesterday. There seems to be two days difference between the mail marks at Merrill & Osawatomie. I have not much to write about, only hot weather. We had two or three good rains about a week ago, and corn is looking well - a good many pieces backward on account of the peculiarly wet spring. I would like to see Bellamy's book Looking Backward. I can return ~~of~~ it after reading. What is the political atmosphere in Michigan, or is it yet undeveloped? The Democratic talk about the force bill makes me mad. If I understand that bill it is to have two men appointed in every election district where a petition (certified by a required number of voters) is sent to a U. S. judge - that such judge shall appoint one Republican and one Democrat to report to Congress whether that election was conducted fairly. Is that statement fair? And on this they raise the cry "Negro Domination" If I have

the right idea, it seems to me that here is a question above tariffs or above ~~[illegible]~~ money on which ~~every~~ honest man can have an opinion. We are all well. With love

from your father

John R [illegible]

I believe my eyesight is not as good. I can see well without my glasses in a room — [illegible] I come into the house from a bright light. I still read a good deal. I am getting the Inter Ocean again. The flood of talk is too great — it makes me think of a watch [illegible] a too abundant verbal flow — lal-lal. That seems to be the good λαλέιν. [illegible] definitions [illegible]

Osawatomie Aug. 23 1892.

Dear Eddie

I will write to you to day so as to be ready in case there may be any chance to send to the mail. I have had a bad cold for a few days with some fever. To day is the first day I have felt any change better or worse. But today I am some better. It has taken my strength so I have neither churned nor milked for a few times and perhaps can milk to night. We had a rain Monday a hard rain Monday night, and a soft rain all Tuesday night. We are much encouraged about our corn, and fall crops. Nearly all corn is more or less late because of the very wet spring. Do you know what cousin Mary Ann used to make a sour drink. I cannot remember. I got Ginn & Co.s catalogue. But they

sent the Common School instead of the College edition. I am reading a story by Jane Austen "Emma" It was written before there were any railroads and is interesting as a picture of middle class village life in Old England. Good bye now

Affectionately your father
John R Everett

Osawatomie May 13 1892

Dear Eddie

Yours of May 8th reached me Wednesday. I was very glad to hear from you. I do not seem to have much to write. We are having a very backward spring here. The last of March and the first week in April the weather was favorable for plowing. I think we had warmer weather and warmer nights the first week in April than we have had since. A great deal of corn was planted then through the country. Robert planted about twenty acres of corn that week. Since then he has only been able to plant six or seven acres + 10 acres of millet. We have had a succession of cold storms. Most of the

early planting I suppose will have to be done over again. We have had two days now of beautiful weather and the plows will be busy again next week. Yesterday and today Robert is putting a good floor in the east cow stable. There have been heavy wind storms not far from here this spring. Perhaps I have written about the wind that tore up Parker (April 15) blew down a church and other buildings and unroofed Hochstetter's store. About a week later we had a very heavy rain and hail storm. After an hour and a half of rain the branch was roaring through the pasture, & washed out all the fences in its way. Lowe

brought in a double hand pail of hail stones after the rain slackened. There was more wind and heavier hail in some places near than here. In town it blowed over a few small houses and the paper said the hail broke about 10.000 window lights. We went to town with butter next day. Robert thought the estimate of damage to windows was not too great. That wind moved Rev. Odenbaugh's house an inch or two on its foundation, and blew down a couple of houses across the Potter avenue few miles N.W. Nothing unusual at our place.

I hope you will be able to go to the fair.

We are all well. With much love from
your affectionate father
John P. [illegible]

Dear Brother Lewis Osawatomie July 17, 56

I thank you for the few lines I received from you in father's letter. We are watching (in Kansas) with no common interest the developements of popular feeling in the States with reference to our territory. The weal or woe of Kansas is suspended on your action during this Presidential contest. I have felt a good deal discouraged at the result of the vote for the admission of Free Kansas. We had counted on the moral force of a right vote in the House, although assured that the Senate for the present is hopelessly against us. Senator Douglass' bill with great show of fairness, I fear will be a snare, a delusion, and a mockery. I say this, for I think it impossible that Pres't Pierce should present impartial men for Commissioners. There are thousands among the borderers of Missouri, who would not stickle at any false swearing to beat the Yankees. They would make fictitious claims, and be here perhaps enough to get their votes in. Or they would, if at the point of the bowie knife and pistol in hand. The Georgians and South Carolinians make no hesitation in saying

that, they are going to stay ^only^ till after the election. If they return before, they say, they will not get their pay. I saw a company of 6 South Carolina men, with one family, the other day. I had quite a conversation with them. I found out incidentally that four of them ~~were~~ had been overseers or slave traders, one a slave trader (a kind of a Haley of a fellow.) In the course of the conversation, one said the ~~[illegible]~~ ^negroes were^ slaves ill treated. I did not dispute him very strongly ^ as my object was to get information. But it was not two minutes before another one told of giving a refractory slave 400 lashes. "You ought to go to New Orleans" said I, "and see 5 or 6 hold down a great strong ~~[illegible]~~ ^nigger^ while two put it on to him as hard as they could." "They are better off than I," said another. "No care, all they have to do is to ~~work~~, eat and sleep." "Why don't you black up your face and go hire yourself as a slave?" said I. "You could have no trouble in finding a master." One asked me if black men in N. E. had an equal right with white to a trial at law? "Yes." "And they mix [illegible] up too don't they?" "Very rarely indeed, not half so common as in the South, but there of course it is outside of mar[ri]age." "Yes there is enough of that" said the slave trader "I myself have slept with a hundred of them!" Pah! Such are the men who make a fuss about amalgamation, & that should forever scare freedom from [illegible] the Southern Slaves. Well said Senator Wilson to Douglas [illegible] "those make most ado about amalgamation who have the order [illegible] strong about them." One of them ~~said~~ he did come to fight but to vote. This was the slave trader. Every sentence he spoke [illegible] was garnished with an oath. "I did not bring any weapon," said he "[illegible] Bible some one said one and I call that a pretty good weapon [illegible]"

Stonsifer [illegible]

We are well. With love to [illegible] and Jane — kind remembrances to all friends. John

From ... [illegible]

1850

Remsen, March 20 1860.

Dear Mary, —

Your brother John went down to see Mr John T. Griffiths with reference to the school — He says that the Trustees wish you to come to teach the school — but the wages they are willing to give is $1.50 and board around, or $2 — without board. Two of the trustees (Mr James Powell & Elias R Jones) personally & directly have no interest in the school (though perhaps as Elias has lately married he may think he soon will have an interest there), and I suppose they think they are pretty generous in being willing to do as much as that. Father & mother are very anxious that you should come and teach the School. Mother is afraid if you do not that we shall have no school, or one that will be worse than none as we had last summer. Father says that he will board you for the company that you will give Sarah, &c. &c. I had thought that they would be willing to give $2.25, and they ought to give it. But considering who are trustees, I think we can not get them to give any more than $2.00. They will want you to keep 2 months, and J T Griffiths thinks they will undoubtedly raise enough by subscription to have the school for another month. And the law may be altered, so as to require them to ~~see~~ keep longer.

Please write me by return mail if possible what you will do. I think you had better come home. I did not ask Mr Griffith what time they would like to commence school. What would be your feelings about it. If you conclude to come, I shall have to write you again about that after closing the bargain with the trustees. If you can't come without (as the merchants say) father says he will give you the other two shillings a week. So I guess you must come some way. But I want to hear from you right off.

We are all in usual health at home. Sarah pretty lively, when I see her.

Your brother John

P.S. I received a hieroglyphic dispatch from you by Henry. Where did you get that pencil? That must have been made by the man who said that ~~language was~~ the object of language was to conceal thought. I hope you will lose it before you write again

P.S. No. 2. ~~Give~~ my love to John Henry.

John R. C.

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Miss Mary Everett
care of Rev. J. J. Butler
Whitestown
N.Y.

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Monday morning May 10 1852.

Dear Sister Mary

Your letter was very opportune and welcome. I was longing and hoping for a letter all supper time, and lo! in the evening a letter came. I am really glad you have had a pleasant vacation, and that your health has improved so much. Be careful of your health now dear sister, and I think your health may be now first rate. I like the arrangement at South Hadley very much which compels the pupils to exercise so much. Let your walks seem as spontaneous to you as possible. Enjoy them as much as possible — not as tasks — but as every day renewed and inestimable privileges of going at your call, and wandering in the glorious picture gallery of our Heavenly Father. Under the blue Heavens on the soft green grass, with trees waving their leafy honors around us on every side of us "all men meet together" — "God is the Maker of us all," How admirably has he fitted us to enjoy nature, and made nature for our enjoyment. Many a little spot of deep blue sky guarded and environed by fleecy clouds will sometimes give me a feeling of happiness, almost an ecstasy of enjoyment which a king might envy. The spring beauties have come at last to our woods, and that little modest pure white flower that grows by ~~its~~ their side (I do not remember its name. Thus "the beauty of the Lord our God shines upon us."

I have been very busy the last week in setting out my trees. I have set out between 130 and 140. We had a busy time of it, for I took great pains to set them as I thought they would grow best. They are set 28 feet every way — every tree (except the outside ones) being at the centre of six others. They now I think very prettily (in

trees. You can see rows in every direction. I hope to have a very pretty looking orchard by a great while. — Dear Sister Sarah is improving again very slowly. Let us be thankful. Luna will tell you all the home news. The first of our cows (Hereford) has just calved. Eddy brings in lots of eggs every day. I don't believe we shall have much of a garden by the house this summer. I am tired of tilling that heavy and ungrateful spot. We have not begun our building yet. I hope to soon. Farmers are very busy now. Spring and summer — the maiden and the matron — have come both together this year. We had a glorious day yesterday — beautiful as a dream of heaven. The sky seemed to clothe itself in smiles and to come near to us; the grass growed visibly — its beautiful green getting every hour more enchanting. But I see this morning even while I write a little spot of snow, about as big as your hand, on the hills above us. But it is the last snow of winter. Mary, I must stop writing. Good by — dear

Your brother

John

[illegible] Apr. 5. 18[illegible]

Dear Sister [illegible]:

A week [illegible] I received your kind letter. Do not think I am waiting for you to answer all of my letters [illegible] I do not write simply because I've [illegible] work [illegible] got so much to do that I can't [find] the time. But I must tell you [illegible] nearly I came to visiting you [illegible] before last week [illegible] that I didn't know which way to [illegible] no difference [illegible] went to New York that week [illegible] and wanted me to go with him to Albany and then go and visit you [illegible] while he was in [illegible]. I half made up my mind to do so but finally concluded that as money would not be very plenty this summer and [our] expenses rather uncertain 'twas my duty to forego that pleasure. [illegible] I [illegible] considerable [illegible] [illegible] particularly urged the expediency [illegible] of the ready [illegible] in future I [illegible] -ing that the imprudent expenditure [illegible] should cause a departure from it.

Maybe I shall come next summer [illegible] but 'tis quite doubtful.

Sarah is not gaining much. The former [illegible] did not [illegible] the thing she is trying [illegible] [illegible] I do not know

[illegible] they have made any perceptible change in her as yet. She sits up from 15 to 30. min. in a day but I cannot see that she is improving much if any. I'm sure I [illegible] last [illegible] to say [illegible] she had a couple of her front teeth filled a few days ago and stood it remarkably well, was pretty nervous that night from the [illegible] [illegible] but was no worse after it. I do not think her case is hopeless I believe she may yet be well but she must have a change of treatment. Mother's health is very good [illegible] she has got an old Irish [illegible] to work for her this summer. I guess she's a first rate girl — she [illegible] well and fast and seems to interest herself in the work [illegible] is quite well again I have not been to see her since I moved. I go over to Father's almost every day sometimes 3 or four times a day. [illegible] and I are both most sick [illegible] I laid on the lounge from breakfast till 11 and then had to get up to get dinner and make some bread — and [illegible] since dinner till now (most [illegible]) he has occupied it. He's asleep now and I am sitting in the rocking chair with one foot on the lounge writing on my new portfolio that he bought me from [illegible]. It's the nicest one I ever saw and $2. a [illegible] price.
I [illegible] the week with [illegible] in [illegible] while he [illegible] Robert and Henry went with him and they [illegible] a few days after the [illegible] [illegible] and I got [illegible]

[illegible] a printed Cambric dress in White [illegible]
[illegible] to them [illegible] I would send you a piece
perhaps I shall get a piece before they go
These are I believe all the new things I
have had except a memorandum book and
a pair of stays (I have [illegible] a p'r of undersleeves
and a six ct. linen pocket handkerchief [illegible]
you [illegible] My health is for the most
part excellent occasionally I have a sick
day and sometimes 3 a [illegible] that I do not
feel much like doing anything but on the
whole I am doing well Give my love to those
[illegible] at the [illegible] Tell Ethel Butler if [illegible]
only number one among her correspondents
after she graduates [illegible] like them
I shall write to Mattie, and Nellie Clarke
[illegible] I have cooked after all those receipts
you sent except for Irish Cake with the same
success [illegible] have got 4 loaves of [illegible]
bread now and have an Indian pudding
for dinner I make no other bread [illegible]
the Graham Good [illegible] write soon
[illegible] to your affectionate sister
[illegible]

Letter from
S.M.C.E. to Aunt
Mary — J.E.C.

[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] expected [illegible] remind me [illegible]

[illegible] a [illegible] not if I could. It is [illegible] sad even to pain. My health this week has not been as good as the last. I have had a good deal of pain between my shoulders. I guess it will [illegible] I do not yet know whether I shall stay here [illegible]

[illegible] expected. [illegible] cut [illegible] Have been cutting up my

corn nearly done. I intend
to make some hay this week.
you the short letter. I will
next write something

your brother

John

I was very glad to get
Roberts likeness and it is very natural.
Write everything about the children
I hope Robert tries to be a good
boy and [illegible] [illegible].

Osawatomie Sept. 28 1864.

Dear Mary

I got a letter from you yesterday. Was very glad to hear so much about the children. Hope Robert will always be a good boy, and always feel that the God is with him and sees him. You see I am a very poor correspondent. That pain between my shoulders that I wrote about is better. I am having this week a little. Here is a very poor chance to get home. Have been always [illegible] with my health.

The things in my trunk all came safely. The apples were a great treat to Frank. Those cakes in the pail are a great help to our lonely meals. That piece of cheese mother gave me just lasted me through the journey. Frank is quite well. I can only snatch a moment to

write this morning. I thank you
very much for writing so often, and
so much ~~about~~ about the children. I'm
[illegible] from them. I suppose you ha
what you tell about Lizzy. he is
cutting another tooth. I want Robert
to try and be all the help he can.

Your brother
John.

Frank thinks Robbie can write better
letters than he can. But he suggests
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He thinks he never thought of the word
"detained." It was too big a word to make
up for [illegible].

Germantown July 4 186[illegible]

Dear Mary

Thank you [illegible] for your [illegible] in writing & particularly for telling me so much about the children. I will try [illegible] [illegible] this morning. First to answer your question. I am not doing any thing about the building just now. My health has been rather poor for a little over a week. Having bad headache part of the time and disordered stomach. Am feeling rather better now. [illegible] which helps me some. — Frank says you are greatly mistaken if you think he ~~isn't~~ ~~[illegible]~~ never wants to see New York again. I asked him if he was tired of walking &c. he said but he wanted to see all the folks again. He rather liked to come. — We keep our best clothes partly in the trunks, and partly hung up. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] me I must put away my [illegible]
coat.) — We do our own washing. This
week Monday it rained, and I did [illegible]
week's washing. Some weeks Frank [illegible]
— so much for your questions. This morning
[illegible] a cup of coffee for the first time
at our own table since I have been
[illegible] my head don't ache. I [illegible]
[illegible] whether that is a good way
[illegible] getting rid of headache. But I hope
I am getting rid of it by the natural
[illegible]. It is a bright beautiful day
[illegible] the fourth. Frank is going to a
[illegible] the school picnic. I do not know
[illegible] I shall go — perhaps to [illegible]
[illegible] I am very glad to hear
that Robert is getting along so well
[illegible] his arithmetic. Is he learning
[illegible]? We found some [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs. Mendenhall's
[illegible] this morning. I wished I
[illegible] some to the children. I am
[illegible] [illegible] better [illegible]
[illegible] out [illegible]
[illegible] disappointment to me.

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Osawatomie Aug 16

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Osawatomie Sept. 18 1876

Dear Sister Mary

I have not had a chill since Friday, and I hope I shall not soon. But I am not feeling very well. I am weak. My digestion is poor appetite indifferent, and bowels constipated. I am apt to get up from the derangement caused by chills pretty slowly, but I hope it will be different this time. If it were not that my symptoms might change materially before I could get an answer I would like to try some of your little pellets. You know I am not afraid of dosing much with homeopathic medicine.

I have not felt much like writing today, and I have an

unexpected chance of sending to the mail, so I send these few lines.

I received your and mother's letter. I need not say I was very glad to get it. I will write more at length again. I am glad to hear that Eddie is interested in reading. The most important thing (after the fear of God,) I am satisfied, for a young man, is, to learn to work. No one ever succeeded in a profession or any thing, without hard work – steady application, and that habit is worth every thing. I hope my son will feel like writing to me. your brother

John R[illegible]

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[illegible] 1852.

Dear Sister Mary

I will [illegible] to write you a few lines on a [illegible] [illegible]. I received your very kind and well written letter Monday evening. I took the two pills of [illegible] on going to bed, (and regularly afterwards) except one night when I forgot. I have taken [illegible] portion of the sulphur. The after effects of the Chills & fever [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] a low state of the system [illegible] and inability to do much work. I had stopped taking [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a week, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] when I felt especially [illegible] tonic. I [illegible] [illegible] letter [illegible]

This week after taking your medicine and noticed an improvement in effects the first week in taking the pellets and the improvement has been increasingly manifesting itself. Mornings I have felt a great deal better but in the afternoons a great deal of [illegible] in the bowels and disinclination to do anything. The sulphur has acted very gently move the bowels [illegible] in the night. How it will be after I stop taking the powders I do not know. For bread I use entirely graham and indian meal - the latter is [illegible] so more than half as we raise our own corn but have to buy flour. We have had snow on the ground all this week, and I have [illegible] from wet or cold feet [illegible] the time which has been a disadvantage to the action of the

medicine. We have had a very fine fall, dry and mild till last Monday the wind came cold from the Northwest Tuesday it snowed all day and Wednesday morning the thermometer indicated 6 degrees below zero. Today it is mild with a south wind and ~~thin~~ soon very warm the snow is going off.

I have written all I have time for and I am afraid you will find the letter very uninteresting. I am glad to learn your practice will suffer so little detriment from your long detention at home. What do you say for your present home? Didn't you write me that you were providing for your own board.

What will become of the old homestead when mother is gone? (She may outlive us all, as she has outlived all my children but one.) Where

[illegible] wishing it might be left
as a home for the girls, as long
as any of them wished to occupy
it. This was on my mind a good
deal after father's death, and has
been again lately.

Much love from your affectionate
brother John R. Everett

Excuse unavoidable haste.

Canastota Aug. 14. 1877.

Dear Sister Mary

Will you be so kind as to send me a few packets of Bryonia they did me good last fall. And I feel some of my symptoms again now. Slight it is true. Appetite failing a little. Frequently a little around I am going to [illegible] but do not feel the hot weather more oppressive. Very dark stools &c. Have been taking Nux vom for flatulence a few days. Found I feel better for it. took Lycopodium last winter for a good while. Both seem to act slightly on the bowels. Some insect I think carried off the bottle the Bryonia & Lycopodium I had left. Would it be a good plan to take Bryonia in the bad symptoms described? Excuse such haste. I am hoping you

Shall be glad [illegible]

It is getting [illegible] [illegible] on the [illegible].
[illegible]

Osawatomie, March 4, 1878.

Dear Sister Mary,

I received your letter last evening. I thank you very much for writing so particularly about mother. I feel relieved to hear that she is some better. I hope some of you will write soon again as I shall shall be anxious to hear. I believe here it is very common for different forms of disease to assume an intermittent type.

My health seems to be improving. I seem to take cold more easily than early in the winter. I take Blue Pills occasionally and syrup of Quinine twice or thrice daily. Feel as [illegible] night sweats [illegible] coughing &c.

I would [illegible] some white lace
from you if convenient [illegible] J. W.

Charlottesville
Wednesday afternoon 2 p.m.

Since [illegible] I had another chill yesterday, but am better today, [illegible] the [illegible] pains in my head, but they are very uncomfortable [illegible], and I have [illegible] the whole week [illegible] [illegible] this morning [illegible] my [illegible] are getting a little [illegible] which is [illegible] me. The weather is cool. We have had [illegible] but [illegible] has seemed nearly cool enough — and I think there has been a little [illegible] in some places. I am anxiously hoping for a letter [illegible] [illegible]

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ONLY ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

To Mary H. Everett M.D.

Remsen

Oneida Co. N.Y.

Osawatomie, Aug. 28, 1880.

Dear Sister Mary

I received your good and full letter Wednesday evening. The Bryonia powders do not seem to do me as much good as the pellets. It was the same with some Dyspepsia powders you sent some time ago. It did not occur to me but the little paper marked "one dose" was a sample dose. As I felt dizzy and bad, I swallowed it. And perhaps I am not taking right doses. I feel a little better since I have been taking them. My stomach is weak. I can not eat but little. I have no pain, except a very little occasionally about my head, a dull heavy feeling. I feel pretty well when lying down. In that position I can read. But when I get up I am weak, either sitting or standing, and feel a little nauseous.

I think it is owing to malaria
— attacking my weak point — the stomach.
Perhaps if I had not got the [illegible]
I should be suffering from fever by
this time. I have not had a movement
of the bowels for a day or two.

If you could send me a few [illegible] in
pellets, or if you think the powder [illegible]
in another & ample dose, I would be
very much obliged. Aconite and carbo
seemed to help my stomach when sour;
but I am nearly out of carbo. I am sorry
I cannot write more. I have received three
letters from John Eddie. The last two
I have not answered, because I have been doing all
I can do in my state of health, and I have
deferred. When do you expect him back
in N.Y.?

Your affectionate father
John R. Everett

Osawatomie, Aug 4, 1881.

Dear Sister Mary

I was very glad to get your good affectionate letter. I do not undertake now to write you a letter for I have no time. But this is on a matter of business. I vomited after dinner one day last week, and since then I have been troubled with unpleasant symptoms of a return of the same. I think it arises from malaria and perhaps over-eating. I have been taking Aconite and Carbo alternately. I am now just out of Carbo, and would be very much obliged if you would send me some. I am also taking Bryonia, but all rather irregularly, for I forget. I am going to try Lycopodium in place of Carbo. I also take Lactopeptine after every meal. I did take it in water,

but now for a few days in one or two teaspoonsful of California wine, with better result, I think. I just write this because I have a chance to send to the mail. It is just after breakfast;- I ought to be washing my dishes so I can help milk. We are haying — prairie hay is cut late. There are 23 cows for two of us to milk. And I have got to work our butter while it is cool. I only get 13½ cts for butter — most of the summer only 11, and that is a cent or two above the market here. I hope to get more soon. I am barely able to keep along with my outgoes with all the help I must hire. Forgive the hurried and imperfect letter. I am sorry I have not written to you before. From your loving brother

J. Wm R. Everett

Osawatomie Dec. 31 1855.

Dear Sister Mary

Have you heard lately from our friends in [illegible]. It is six days (four days last Saturday when I had my last mail) since I have had any letter. I think they must be snowed up, and the heavy fall of snow you speak of on Christmas night have affected them some days previously. I received yours written Christmas between 4 & 5 Saturday afternoon and began taking the Lycopodium. Finished three papers in the night last night with no effect as yet. with no effect, and began taking the Sulphur. With the exception of weakness feel very well. Have had for a couple of days a slight pain on the left side behind under or below the lo[illegible] rib. I think I was threatened at first with Pneumonia. I had a sore place in my right lung — could not take a full breath without coughing. I thought Bryonia helped it. Finally my cough became very loose, and it seemed all to come away in phlegm. ~~[illegible]~~ I feel best before my breakfast in the morning, after I eat I want to lie down. After dinner [illegible] I am better again, and sit up most of the time till bedtime. Last night I slept well till about ½ past three. I ca[illegible]

soda crackers in oyster (or chicken) soup, and I think more than that quantity of graham or oatmeal mush. So you see I ought to be gaining, and I am a little ~~[illegible]~~ besides a little apple sauce or cherries or peaches. I have read a good deal. I have been reading Creasy's Fifteen Decisive Battles of the world's history, beginning with Marathon and ending with the surrender of Burgoyne and Waterloo. ~~I am~~ Also other Schiller's Thirty Years War. I am now reading Dean Stanley's Sermons on Special Occasions. As they were some of them preached before the Royal Family, they are a little flunkeyish in places, but with that exception they are suggestive and interesting, not denouncing your sins everywhere and (an excellent recommendation) without appearing trying to do so, quicken one's desire to read the Bible. He, speaking of the Book of Esther, remarks on the entire absence of the name of God, and makes this novel inference that a man may be living a useful and a religious life without making any parade of his religion. — I have sent for some light reading now (a little too light a diet I fear unless reinforced in some way) "The Spy" and "Green Mountain Boys" (revolutionary tales) and the First volume of Hans Christian Andersen's stories, in bound in cloth and all [illegible] [illegible] from Wm. S. Allen [illegible] Nassau St New York. I must close now with love from your brother [illegible]

Osawatomie, Jan. 3, 1884.

Dear Sister Mary

I do not know that I will have any chance of sending this to the mail to day, but I will write a line. I think I am gaining a little strength but very slowly. I drank a little milk last evening, and it interfered with my sleep. I find I can not take any thing after dinner. I have nearly finished the Lycopodium. I have about 4 papers left. I will take nearly a cup full of water and only take one teaspoonful at a time to make them last longer I have ~~not~~ read no directions either as to the amount of water or the dose. I would like to try it a little longer, the effect has not been marked, but I used to think it did me good. Would you be kind enough to send me more? We have had two very cold days — the first & second of this month. New year day was as tedious a day as we ever have — snowing and blowing with the thermometer from 3 to 5° above zero. To day it is pretty still and mild. With much love your brother John E. Everett

Have to write me how your health is. I hope your visit is doing you good and that you are enjoying yourself.

Cornwall [illegible], Jan. 12, 1884.

Dear Sister Mary

I am your debtor for 2 letters since I have [illegible] — One mailed here [illegible], and the other [illegible]. The last of last week I seemed to be remarkably well — indeed I [illegible] perfectly well only for weakness. But I suppose I endeavored to do too much & this week I have felt tired a good [illegible] of the time [illegible] feeling better [illegible] night and till after breakfast in the morning. I have some palpitation after eating especially [illegible] sitting down and doing nothing seems to stop it — so I [illegible] it weakness and have taken nothing so far. My appetite is [illegible] some kinds of food — I am inclined to eat too much, particularly as I [illegible] need of something to build me up. I do not know whether I can get the extract of [illegible] & Coca here, but I will send down today [illegible].

[illegible] discouraged — think I will get along — but I seem to gain very slowly. The weather has been [illegible] here — but now it is quite pleasant — beautiful [illegible] — and a mild South wind. It is cold enough [illegible] to keep the ground covered with snow, and [illegible] much [illegible]

You do not write about your own health, are you pretty well? I suppose you find the weather in New York a good deal milder than on the Steuben hills. Do you intend to return to New York to open an office again. I presume you feel the need of a good long rest. Do you ever hear any of the celebrated men, the great preachers, or the great lecturers. It would ~~hear~~, and if I were in New York, I should want to hear the men whose reputation reaches across the continent — the good men, nature's [illegible]

"There is naught better than to be
With noble souls in company."

I would like to hear scientific men expound nature's [illegible] — those who are to-day making new discoveries, ~~in~~ and [illegible] nature's [illegible] — or finding out sometimes kind to the Great First Cause — the wonderful works of Him who is perfect in wisdom

Another word about myself. I have movements of the bowels every day. There seems to be a condition [illegible] or sluggishness about the lower bowels causing straining. It don't get quite like it affects that function. I close with love from your brother

John Bidwell

[illegible] by [illegible] the [illegible]
at the [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible] "[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] all the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]."

I held one of those papers of Sulphur for instance in two thirds of a cup of water and take two tea spoons ful every two hours. Is that right?

Osawatomie, Jan. 16, 1884.

Dear Sister Mary

I received yours of Jan 10, yesterday morning. At the same time I got a bottle of Trommer Extract of malt, of which I took three tablespoons yesterday according to directions. The Beatty Fluid Extract of [illegible] they did not have in Osawatomie but had Park, Davis & Co. I had a chance to send to Paola, and got yesterday afternoon in a small [illegible] something marked "Fluid Extract of Cocoa", ("Dose from one to three teaspoonsful") I did not see the man I sent by. It looks on turning out in a [illegible] turbid, dark purplish, and tastes aromatic. I took two doses, less than a teaspoonful, also Lactopeptine after meals. And as I thought from your description that Phosphorus was [illegible] thing, I took ~~[illegible]~~ twice of that. At bedtime I had a passage of the bowels and small passages twice in the night. I shall not take any of the Coca today. What is the effect [illegible]

I thank you very much for kindly sending the different medicine (Homeo.) For what do you give Aconite, and for what Rhus? I know some uses of both.

I am feeling better than I did last week — not so

tired. My appetite is good if I get what I like.
I eat oysters, [illegible] pudding, graham bread, some tomato sauce, soda cracker, and cong sauce I [illegible] [illegible] not now. I have no eggs, and do not crave them.

Mr Bullock was sick yesterday and has not been over yesterday nor today. He has turns of sick headache — beside he complained of pain in walking in the inside muscles of his thighs. I do not think there is anything the matter with my lungs. I cough occasionally — a loose cough — and generally bring up some phlegm. I do not have that bad feeling in the forenoons I wrote before about. But I feel the best after about 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon till after breakfast. I sit up most of the day. But yesterday and Sunday I laid down a good deal, and it did me good.

I have I believe answered all your questions. I think I am getting along pretty well — but pretty slowly. I am not careful about exposing myself — particularly so. I go out about as I used to not being too particular about coat or hat (partly for itfulness), and do not feel as if I was taking cold. The weather for the most part is mild — pretty nights and sunny days. Yesterday it snowed a little. My time is up. With love your brother Peter K Everett

Remember me kindly to [illegible]

Osawatomie, Jan. 14, 1884.

Dear Sister Mary

Since I wrote you last Mr. Bullock has been here, and I asked him to hear if there was any thing wrong about my lungs. He said he was used to trying that. He found a wheezing in the right and none in the left lung. I have taken a little cold, and yesterday he could hear it in his chair three or four feet off. I thought I would mention this, although I do not attach much importance to it. I took one dose (½ teaspoonful) of the Ex Coca yesterday, and one the day before. It seems to quicken the action of the bowels. Day before yesterday I took the Phosphorus three times. yesterday omitted it. [illegible] shall take it again. I am getting a little more strength, but not to boast of much. Please excuse this short note, as I want to write a line to [illegible], and [illegible] and I had a chance to send to the mail.

With Love your brother

John R. Everett

I have had no opportunity to see a physician. Next week if it is fair I hope to be able to ride out a little,

Osawatomie Jan 24. 1884.

Dear Sister Mary

I have received a letter from you of the 19th. also a card of the 17th. I was sorry to hear of Cousin Thomas' sickness. I hope he continues to improve.

I am ashamed to write so much about myself. There does not seem to be very much the matter with me now, only that I cannot do much of any thing. I am troubled a good deal with flatulence, especially downwards. My appetite seems to be good – too good for my digestion. I cough some, and there is a good deal of wheezing at times in my right lung. The weather is quite changeable. Yesterday it blowed a regular blizzard directly from the North all day. This morning it is very cold – 15° below at sunrise – but there is little wind. Day before yesterday it was very mild – almost springlike.

Last evening Mr Bullock came down wanting to know if I had any thing good for earache. He said his wife was suffering badly from earache. She had been washing and the pain took her when she was hanging the clothes out. I told him perhaps Aconite might help her as she had a cold. He told me this morning that it had helped.

[illegible] sold, and [illegible] was [illegible] better [illegible] a little. He
inquired of me if I knew if one could get a case of Homeopathic
medicines and what they would cost. I told him I did not
know anything about it. [illegible] you could [illegible].
I do not know of any Homeopathic physician nearer than
Paris. I have seen the advertisement of a Dr. [illegible].
How many pellets such as you sent last would you put
in two-thirds of a tumbler full of water?

That motto I wrote about I wanted to hang up as an antidote
to what passes current now for the expression of scientific thought among some
learned men. Sir W. Thomson is I believe an eminent name
among living English scientists. I have seen a remark attributed to
him in respect to the possibility or probability of collisions
among the fixed stars. You know the fixed stars are all thought
to be in motion — many miles a second — but their distance from
us ~~are~~ is so inconceivably vast that it will take ages to make their
relative position differ. They seem to move according to no known
[illegible] direction like meteors or comets. Sir W. Thomson
likens them to ships sailing on the Atlantic Ocean, at random;
if time enough is given, some two would be sure to collide. I [illegible]
[illegible] reading that [illegible] the passage of [illegible]
[illegible] the heavens were created, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
I can not believe there is no Bible in all these vast and amazing movements of
the heavenly bodies. He that [illegible] them [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]

Osawatomie Jan 2: 188[illegible]

Dear Sister Mary,

I am in town this afternoon

I have only a few minutes. I have been seeing Dr. [illegible] about my eyes. He gave his opinion that there is a cataract in my ~~left~~ right eye. That eye has failed very fast the last two or three weeks. I can see very little with it. So sometimes I do not seem to know whether it is open or shut. I am writing this without glasses. I can easily read without glasses (but better with.) But for other purposes I am afraid the other eye is failing — As for instance, in [illegible] thread needle, seeing things about the house when about the work &c. Can you give me any suggestions? Dr. J. advised me to see a competent oculist.

He mentioned Dr B. E. Fryer formerly of Leavenworth now of Kansas City. It is difficult for me to leave now on account of the expense and the time.

I was ~~wa~~ very glad to get a joint letter from Jennie and Anna a few days ago. Also a letter yester from Fr. Edward. They were well and comfortable. I must close. My eyes water a good deal out of doors and some in the house.

From your affectionate brother

John R Everett

Osawatomie, Nov. 22, 1887

Dear sister Mary

The ticks belonged to Mrs. Taylor. I intend to try to do something to make the house warmer unless it turns so cold I cannot use mortar. Have had no help but German for two weeks. Think I can get help now. This at P.O. Your letter of Nov. 22 received to night. Cannot take more time writing, as I must get home to milk. With love your bro.

John

Think we can do with what ticks we have for a short time

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Miss M. H. Everett M.D.

Olpe

Lyon Co.

Kansas

via Leroy

[illegible], Sept 22, 1885.

Dear Sister Yours containing Rhus & Hepar just received for which accept many thanks. I am getting along pretty well. I am sorry to hear that your head troubles you so much. You will be very welcome when you come back. But I am afraid you can not get much rest here. You need rest. We are getting along pretty well with haying. Have two hands hauling hay and two cutting corn. Must close with love.

Your brother John.

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Miss Mary H. [illegible]

Lyon Co

Kan.

Via Kansas City

Osawatomie Dec 23 1891.

My dear sister — I have learned that there are to be reduced rates to Chicago Dec 24 and 25 and Dec. 31. I intend to start Sunday morning on the five o'clock train. I must make my trip as inexpensive as possible. and I do not know whether it will be possible to come to Hillsdale. I have had to borrow money for this trip. I do not know what the glasses will cost. I have about $30 to start on. I will have the bill for the coffin to meet — also about $50 for lumber. So I have to be as careful as possible in spending. would like very much to come to see you and our cousins but I am afraid you cannot afford me. Cousin Mary Ann gave me a very kind invitation to come there when in Chicago. Her Aunt has been there, and it was last Monday evening I received a letter from her saying [illegible] left, and her only spare room which her Aunt had occupied

before was vacant. I have not had time to learn whether she would be a home Saturday, but I am going to risk it. I think she knew I wanted to come in the Holidays if fares were reduced. The time for return is limited to Jan 2 1892. That will mean for one & one third
On the Missouri Pacific it is one fare for the round trip, from Kansas City to Chicago I believe 1 1/3. We are all well, and are having pleasant weather. Had a letter from John Eddie Monday. He had commenced his work for the Normal School, and thought he would like it.
I have had the clock which was in your room repaired. It is on the red cupboard. I have heard it strike by my right ear when in bed. Is not often I hear it strike at all. W. H. Custer [illegible] both and cousins all. Your brother John M. [illegible]

Osawatomie, Apr. 13. 1892.

Dear sister Mary

Today Robert goes down with butter, and so we can get to the mail. Yours of Apr. 6 was received Saturday. I have not much to write. Nothing unusual has occurred to us. We have had two very heavy wind storms since Eddy left, but they did us no harm. In town a few [illegible] [illegible] side walk were blown about, but little harm done. We have had a good deal of [illegible] weather, so that we have not done much plowing yet. It rained [illegible] night. Robert planted early potatoes the last of last week. Since then we have had two rains. My health does not vary much. I feel well, but do not get strong. I have taken the sulphur once or twice a day. But I have nothing to complain of. I [illegible] [illegible] and I seem to want to make up for lost time in reading. I would like to know how you are. Do you get much time to read? It does not seem as if [illegible] [illegible] reading. But

I wish I could remember a little better. I suppose you have seen Eddie by this time. I hope he will succeed in finding a place where he may be useful. I feel quite lost without Eddie. But I have good friends close by me. I hope to hear from you again soon. love to all from your affectionate brother John R. Everett

Osawatomie
Apr 19, 1893.

My dear Sister

I received Mary card the last time I was in town. Those storms of wind about the 11th of this month did not trouble us at Osawatomie. We had heavy wind here but nothing unusual. [illegible] ser 8 miles South West of here they had a tornado which blowed down and unroofed a good many houses. One church was blown to pieces. Wm. Chestnut store was unroofed, and goods damaged by the rain. I mention him because Mary knows him. The tornado originated about 7 miles South West of the town. Such violent winds go in streaks, and seem to be limited to small strip of country. It is remarkable

that so few fatal accidents occur. One shoulder dislocated is the only notable hurt reported at Parker. Like lightening the stroke is in one place, and not over a large country And usually the first telegraphic report is exaggerated. We had a very heavy rain and hail storm here last night. It seldom rains so hard. It rained about an hour and a half. Yesterday we were plowing. Robert went out after the rain and heard the branch roar and found that short rain had raised the branch so as to swim a horse, with the water up into the cow lot. Then another storm came up in the night, and it has been raining all the morning. Previously the weather has been very nice. We have one frost last week hard enough for a little

ice in the water barrel. The peach trees were blossomed full but scattering buds not yet blown out. We are all well. Lewis knee ~~so~~ was almost well when your medicine came. We thank you for sending all the times. I am gaining strength but slowly.

We sold 17 hogs last week. By taking a little pains to get to the Bank in proper hours, I can send you money now anytime. If it suits your convenience, let me know. Are you going to Chicago to the Fair? I close now with love to you both and to all. I had a letter from John Eddie last week they were well.

From your brother

John R Everett

Write me again with love John.

1893.

Osawatomie, Sept. 28,

Dear sister Mary,

I was glad to get yours of the 18th last Saturday. I was hindered writing yesterday as we went down (unexpectedly to me) in the morning instead of afternoon. I am afraid you are pretty lonely, having that large house all to yourself. But pleasant memories cling to the old house, and even if you see ghosts they can not be bad spirits. How long do you intend to stay? Robert seems to think it might be a good plan to take your stove if you incline to. Have some one pack it that understands it. Have it firmly fastened so it can not move in the box

up the cows and every thing loose in papers or old cloths and make them so they could can not move. It seems to me the rate is moderate I think I paid five dollars a hundred when I came to Kansas, I keep pretty well, but am not as strong as a year ago. We are all well Mrs. Jerry Finch died a few weeks ago. I do not see as well as I did. I still have trouble with my glasses Robert thinks if I was a hard drinker I could get liquor in town So there is no great gain without some small loss. Bro Edward writes that he is going to Chicago with Robbie this week Carroll has been. He found Chicago almost a bigger wonder than the fair. The bank is open again. If you want money write

Osawatomie June 12 1895.

Dear Sister Mary,

One thing I forgot yesterday when writing. Do not send the feather bed. You know I rarely sleep on feathers. John Eddie just told me his goods have come. He is going to take a house in town. Ella is a little better. I write this in the P.O. So it may go out to day. I am so anxious to build as soon as I can. I think of building first an El 12 x 16 so as to get some shelter. I am hiring my hands boarded, ~10 cents a meal. The man that boarded them lived in the Robinson house. But Robinson has come back, and he is going to move into my old corn crib, I have another good corn crib and hog pen combined that will hold 1800 bushels. I am very anxious to get shelter enough to take care of the milk. We have had beautiful rains, falling slow and not washing. Your brother, hoping to hear soon,

John

Osawatomie July 10, 1895

Dear sister Mary

I your interesting and welcome letter mailed 3 p.m. July 6 reached here 1 p.m. the 8th. I was interested in all you wrote and will prize the things you sent more for knowing what you have written. I have time to write but little now. I am waiting for Eddie (7 a.m.) to go up to the farm. I go up every day. I feel a great deal better to work some. My health is improving much faster since I have been able to exercise more. Walking for exercise is less satisfactory than when I could see better. But improvement now is marked especially noticeable in improved digestion. I suppose the same rule will not work for every-one — even every one that is seventy five years old. If you have not already done it do not say any thing to cousin Mary about the [illegible]. It will be unpleasant both to you and me. But I do not feel it at all degrading to try to borrow money of those who have a superfluity for there is property enough here to make it good. I have not done any thing yet towards building but much I can not build any thing sufficiently comfortable or large for Eddie's family and [illegible]. Eddie

does not like to give up his work any more than I like to have my farm ruined by another. I do not know of any opening to sell. To settle down and do nothing or something distasteful is not in me. When the time comes I shall know it, never fear. The old horse, if he had a tongue, would tell his master when the time had come for him to stop whipping him to make him keep up the old willing pace.

If one is able to work there is a solid satisfaction in eating the crust and drinking the milk earned by your own labor. Of course it is a good thing that some have money to lend: and very few but would like to be in that case. But it is a sort of comfort to be with the majority and to be able to look around and say "these my brothers"!

"Eddie has had an invitation to go next Sunday to preach as a candidate in Oneida [illegible] county this State and intends to go next Sunday. The baby has had a bad time with his bowels. He seems to be feeling better yesterday and to day although they do not say his diarrhea is [illegible]. He is cutting his eye teeth.

With love to you both

Your brother [illegible]

Osawatomie Jan 9: 18[illegible]

Dear Sister Mary,

I am in town this afternoon. I have only a few minutes. I have been seeing Dr. [illegible] about my eyes. He gave his opinion that there is a cataract in my ~~left~~ right eye. That eye has failed very fast the last two or three weeks. I can see very little with it. So sometimes I do not seem to know whether it is open or shut. I am writing this without glasses. I can easily read without glasses (but better with.) But for other purposes I am afraid the other eye is failing. As for instance, in [illegible] recognizing those I meet — seeing things about the house when about the work &c. Can you give me any suggestions? Dr. J. advised me to see a competent oculist.

He mentioned Dr B. E. Fryer formerly of Leavenworth now of Kansas City. It is difficult for me to leave now on account of the expense and the time.

I was ~~so~~ very glad to get a joint letter from Jennie and Anna a few days ago. Also a letter yester from Tio Edward. They were well and comfortable. I must close. My eyes water a good deal out of doors and some in the house.

From your affectionate brother
John R Everett

Osawatomie, May 29. 18[illegible]

Dear Father cop. 11/26/1936 EHE

You will get Kansas news much better from the N. Y. papers than I can give them. Indeed we have to wait till the "Tribune" comes to get reliable accounts from other parts of the territory. There are various stories circulating now, some very alarming, about the condition of things here. The inhabitants in our settlement here are utterly opposed to bloodshed and anarchy, and [illegible] not take up arms unless in strict self defense. Five slave state men were killed last Saturday night up the Pottawatomie. This was most deeply deplored and condemned by the entire community here. They held a meeting and condemned it in the strongest [illegible] manner, and resolved to do what they could to bring the offenders to justice. In our entire community I do not know of one who is professedly in

favor of a slave state. We have ap=
pointed a committee of safety to
look after the defense (if necessary) of
the settlement, while each settler goes
quietly about his usual business.
In my judgment all the present serious
trouble has arisen from the South ~~[illegible]~~
(miscalled emigrants) who have come from
the far South this spring. From the accounts
we hear from all quarters a more
miserable set of men could not have
been picked up. Without any means
to procure even tomorrow's bread, the
Missourians chose to set them to plun=
dering their neighbors rather than
support them themselves. We are told
they plundered every house in Lawrence
and left even women without any
underclothing. We hear of some
men there rendered desperate who are
giving them something to do, so that may
keep them away from us.

1854's [illegible] 1854

Dear Brother Robert

We were busy with the Exhibition so that we could not pay much attention to the day the Governor set apart for Thanksgiving. We are therefore going to have a Thanksgiving for our own family exclusively next week Friday. You are "respectfully invited" and warmly and urgently entreated to be with us at a Thanksgiving Dinner at our home in Rumson on that day. We want to get all the family together in the old New England fashion. We hope you can make it possible to come.

Your brother

John

Robert Everett Esq[r]

Utica

N.Y.

Dear Brother Robert

When you came home, I was very anxious to get a letter from you if it was only to see your hand writing. I suppose you feel anxious to hear from home, as we both did before ~~you~~ I started from Grafenberg. And although I have nothing particular to say of myself, ~~write~~ and do not feel any ~~parti~~ special attack of the writing distemper, still I take my pen in hand on the principle of doing as I would be done by. I called on Uncle Hughes family and Aunt Sarah in passing through York Mills. They were ~~both~~ all well. the handkerchief that came around your pants belongs to Cousin William. It was sent by mistake. Send it back the first opportunity. Elizabeth and Jane and Mr Butler were in usual health. They were much surprized to see me. They are going to move into their new house next week. They thought I looked better, but thinner. There was quite a fire in Whitesboro Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock. Clapp's Tavern was burnt down. I went up to see what was going on, and accidentally got to the side of Thos. Green in the line of water carriers. He is full of watercure, inquired for my health and whereabouts. I told him I was staying at Grafenberg. He said I looked as if I had been practicing the hunger cure. I told him they did make me very hungry. Mr Green has been curing a man of the name of Wilson of fever and ague

in his house — the wet sheet for the fever and tepid half baths for the chills. I got home by the accommodation about ½ past 8 Wednesday night. I was the last child they expected to see. Lewis does not look very well. Mother's leg is pretty bad now. She tried the leg bath this morning — the water not quite cold. It seemed to ease it for some time. Sarah is about as usual. The rest are pretty well. They have got the first forms worked off and about six pages set on the last form. I saw Green to day in the village. He is not nearly as well as he was when you saw him. He has been troubled with diarrhea for about a fortnight, and it has weakened him a good deal. He says he is coming on to Graffenberg as soon as he gets strong enough. He talked of coming next week. Yeomans is laid up with his rheumatic gout. He says he is coming on there in July.

I do not feel as well since I came home. My boils trouble me some. I took a pack and two sitz baths yesterday; the same today. Suffer some from the hunger disease (was going to say "curse"). Saw Rees Roberts the night I came home. "How do you do Mr. Roberts?" said I. "I have been better for the last month," said he, "I live on rye and indian bread."

Old Mrs. James died yesterday — funeral tomorrow. Father Penny died very suddenly in York Mills last Sunday. He was in Meeting Sunday evening. He was called on to speak. Said he had not intended to speak but perhaps it was his last opportunity. He said if he could choose his place to die it would be in the altar. After making

other remarks he sat down in the altar, his head ~~fallen~~ declined on one side, he gave a groan, and his spirit departed!

Sissy is sitting by me reading the Bible. The chapters for to day are Romans 11, 12, 13. I think now of coming back next Monday or Tuesday. Write home, ~~at~~ without waiting for me, for they will be very glad to hear from you. Anna and Mary wrote to you in the beginning of the week. I suppose you have got the letter ere this. Sarah is quite busy with her "Garland," ~~but~~ They hardly expect a piece from you for the present Number, but I suppose will look for one for the next.

Father and Mother and Mary ~~and~~ (a whole bunch of it) and Sarah (with all her heart) and Anna and Sissy and all send their love to you. So I must close this rambling letter from your affectionate brother

John

Mr Robert Everett Jr
care of Dr R Holland
New Graffenberg
Utica

Dear Br. Robert

Very unexpectedly we are short of paper to work the present Cinnadur. ~~[illegible]~~ I believe E E Roberts uses the same size paper or "Slyfr Journal." I wish you would go with Henry to Mr. R. and try to get 28 or 30 quires if such a thing is possible. Our size is 21 x 27¼. 28 quires will be enough. If you can not get it there try other places

Father thinks it best also to engage some paper from the New Berlin men C. Medbury & Co., who came to your room last fall & let me have some speciments. E E Roberts got paper from them. They had an agent in Utica. If you can engage him to furnish 30 reams shilling paper in Utica in three weeks (or two or three days less if possible but no longer) (or 3 weeks from next Saturday) do so, and we will pay the cash for it when we get it. Please make a bargain with him if you can. Make him allow 3½ or 5 per-cent discount for ready money. Father thinks he will have it a little heavier 26 lbs to the ream

(<u>30 rms 21 x 27¼ 26 lbs to the ream</u>)

I am very sorry I have not printed your cards. I have not forgotten them, and have been trying to find time. But I have not felt first rate this month, and have been working some out doors. I can't work them now till (probably) the beginning of week after next. But if it will make much difference <u>perhaps</u> by Henry's help we can do them beginning of next week. We are going to have the Cinnadur out next week.

Let me know by Henry how you are getting along. I heard last night that John Wms has just left you. When are you going to have your upper room ready? Where will the stairs go up? Are you going to have any body else the first of May? Henry is waiting for this.

John R. E.

Mr Robt Everett Junr

Utica.

Dear Bro Robert

I ~~spoke~~ wrote to you a few days ago about ordering 30 reams of paper of Mr Steele 21 x 27 1/4 — 26 lbs to the ream. I have not heard from you and am therefore a little afraid that letter has been lost. It is of the greatest importance to us to have this business done as we have only paper enough for this month. But I suppose you have omitted to write on account of time. I myself am very much hurried now. I should like very much to hear how you are getting along with your school. What can you do for the Dettroityol next year?

Mother wants you to send up a box of Dr Fitch's Pills, if you can get a chance. I do not see much alteration in Sarah only she looks and is very much thinner.

Please send a line to let us know what you have done about the paper

Your affectionate bro

John

Y DETHOLYDD AM 1851.

[CYLCH-LYTHYR.]

REMSEN, *Rhagfyr* 2, 1850.

Anwyl Gyfaill,

Y mae yn adnabyddus i chwi yn ddiau fod yr haner blwyddyn cyntaf o gyhoeddiad y DETHOLYDD yn terfynu gydag anfoniad allan y rhifyn nesaf, sef y rhifyn am Ragfyr 16eg,—ac hefyd ein bod yn bwriadu ei barhau y flwyddyn ddyfodol. Ni ddywedwn ddim am ei gynwysiad na'i amcan—gadawn iddo lefaru drosto ei hun. Yr oedd ei flwyddyn yn dechreu yn mis Gorphenaf, 1850,—a bydd y Gyfrol gyntaf i derfynu yn mis Gorphenaf, 1851. Yr ydym yn awr yn ymofyn derbynwyr iddo am y flwyddyn nesaf, neu *am chwe' mis yn unig*, sef hyd Gorphenaf, i derfynu y Gyfrol gyntaf, *os bydd hyny yn fwy dewisol.* Ei Amodau ydynt 50 *cent* am y flwyddyn—25 *cent* am chwe' mis,—y taliadau i gael eu hanfon i ni yn ddidraul gyda yr archiadau. Nis gallwn ei roi allan am bris mor isel, ond ar yr amod o dderbyn y taliadau, *heb eithriad*, YN MLAEN LLAW.

Yn gymaint a bod y detholiadau yn cael eu gwneud yn ddiwahaniaeth, o'r amryw Gylchgronau rhagorol a gyhoeddir gan y gwahanol enwadau yn Nghymru, erfyniwn a dysgwyliwn yn hyderus gydweithrediad y gwahanol Enwadau yn lledaenu y Detholydd. Deisyfir ar y Goruchwylwyr a weithiasant mor dda ar ei gychwyniad barhau yn eu llafurus gariad drosto am 1851, a gobeithir yr enillir llawer o Oruchwylwyr newyddion hefyd. Gan obeithio, anwyl gyfaill, clywed yn fuan oddiwrthych, terfynaf yr eiddoch &c.,

ROBERT EVERETT.

*** Y mae genym eto ar law rai copiau o Gofiant y Parch. Daniel Griffiths o Gastellnedd—12½ *cent* yn ychwanegol gyda y tâl am y Detholydd neu'r Cenhadwr a ofynir am y Cofiant.

☞ Cyfeirier atom i *Remsen, Oneida Co., N. Y.*

Mr Robt Everett Junr
Daguerrean Rooms
Whitesboro St
Utica

Tuesday, June 13 [illegible]

Dear Hall: [illegible]

I thank you very much for the [illegible] you took in [illegible] so many of the information you got from [illegible] and [illegible] to my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I have written my [illegible] [illegible] have known you here. I feel much better prepared to commence [illegible] [illegible] My hope is strong that I shall sell a good many [illegible] this summer. If [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] If I will have [illegible] I will telegraph [illegible] to [illegible] to have some [illegible]. They would be [illegible] to [illegible] many [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] or eighty [illegible] the [illegible] of year. But [illegible]

you hear from me again. How is [illegible] getting along? I hope to hear of it from him. I hope his health and strength are improving. [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Sarah Maria seems to be improving in strength and healthy feeling as fast as possible. She walked 10 miles at different times yesterday without feeling unusual fatigue. The Doctor says he does not doubt but that she will get along. His opinion seems to be much more favorable of her case than at first. The baby is doing well. We thank you very much for kindly offering to take him home, but I think it will be better to leave him where he is. He has got quite fond of his new mother, and she seems to be very fond of him.

We told the doctor about Margaret. He

wants her to come. He wants her to be not later than the first of July, and as many days earlier as she can. He needs the help now, & he says it is difficult for him to get help for a few days now, as girls if they hire out want to hire for all summer. He will rely on Margaret coming by the time mentioned in your letter, and keep the place for her. I told the Doctor I would mention this in my letter to you, and save him the trouble of writing to her. Please send this word to Margaret.

If Lewis is at home, ask him to call at Benj. Reynolds, and get pay for 1 Maple Tree. He said he could pay for it by June 15.

Sarah wants to send to the Union Store for the

[illegible] [illegible], Please write to New York, to have everything [illegible] forwarded in the parcel to Scott, [illegible] for N.Y. and much oblige me. John R. [illegible]

following articles, to be sent by Margaret [illegible]

perfectly convenient. 2 doz. fine [illegible]

[illegible] 12 per doz. 5/8 yards [illegible]

[illegible] Also the things [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] If you have [illegible]

the letter, I think the [illegible] 1/2 [illegible]

& walking shoes No 7. 7 1/2.

I probably shall lodge [illegible]

to night, and be [illegible]

[illegible] tomorrow night.

Did [illegible] it must be

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] at home?

I close with love to all [illegible]

[illegible]

P.S. just have one [illegible] to Scott [illegible]

less to Remove. I have left directions [illegible]

so that it will [illegible] right.

Dear Father

Cleveland O July 22, 54.

When I returned to Pittsburgh yesterday morning. Mr Evans told me he had received a letter from you stating that my wife was very sick, and that mother had gone to her. He said the doctor had written to you about it. Mr. Evans was sure it was my wife and not sister Sarah. This alarmed me very much, particularly as the doctor was visiting for her. Mr Evans had forwarded the letter last Tuesday to Ebensburgh. This was the first news I had got from any of you later than July 6. ~~This alarmed me very much and~~ I determined that I would start to see her and to take care of her. I came to this determination more easily as my own health is poor, and I could not support a weight of anxiety and uneasiness such as would oppress me if I had staid. I can not understand it, for Sarah was quite smart when I heard last with the exception of a soreness of the lungs from which she was recovering. I have been detained here over night, and can not get away till 4.20. I have strong hope that I will find her better than I fear.

I left 40 Caban, H. E. T. 17 Cyfaill with R R Edwards in Ebensburgh to be sold. As the people are so scattered there, and the work of selling books so much increased in consequence, I told Mr. E. I would allow him 25 per cent. for selling.

Mr Wm. Lewis would like to have his account for Cenhadwr made out sometime between this and fall, so that he can try to settle the old accounts as near as may be. He seems to want to collect what is outstanding, and to settle as well as he can. He is a very fine man, and zealous for

the Cenhadwr. Was in Johnstown 2 or 3 days. Money was very scarce indeed when I was there. There had been no payment there for the works since three months. They were expecting a pay=ment next week. I found there was no use trying to sell [illegible] there this week, for people had no money to pay for it. I found a Mr Richard J. Edwards, tailor, there who used to live in Utica, and received Cenhadwr there. He subscribed for [illegible], and told me he did not doubt there would be many taken there next year. He promised to do all he could to gather names between this and fall. They have been building the largest rolling mill there that there is in the country. This will undoubtedly be quite a place for Welsh people. He told me that they were contemplating form=ing a church of our denomination there this fall. Mr E. used to belong to the Methodists (Cal.) but does not belong since in Johnstown. I think he will try to do something for Cenhadwr there. I left 20 U.J. with A Lloyd & Co for sale, and 5 U.J. and 20 Ehangwr [illegible] with Jared Williams. Mr Edwards promised to look after these, to help sell them &c. They did not doubt they could sell them after the people had their pay next week. I allow them one shilling each for selling. I could not sell any of my Atlas in Johnstown. One gentleman told me there was $500.000 owing by the State and the companies in that place. Money was very scarce with everybody.

I am taking with me 4 Atlasses, and quite a lot of other English books. I am in hopes I can sell them somewhere. This hot summer weather is pretty ~~bad to~~ hard to make sales of any thing. I have not felt strong enough to go around much

with my English books. Consequently they are nearly all on hand. But I do not doubt that I shall dispose of them.

Write me to Glenhaven. Should like to hear-particularly how Lewis is. Shall feel very anxious about [illegible] family till I see them. Love to all at home

Your Son John

~~The direction~~ for Cenhadwr mentioned [illegible] is:-
Mr Richard T. Edwards
Johnstown
Cambria Co., Pa.

Received $1.00 from Mr D. E. Evans, Pittsburgh for his own No. which I left with him to pay Express charge on the books you sent. That charge was just $1.00

Rev Robt Everett
Remsen
Oneida Co.
N. Y.

Osawatomie May 21, 1855.

Dear Father and Mother and Mary

We got the May Centrador the 11th of this month. The Centrador never was so welcome before. We had not had a word from home by mail since we had been in the territory. A Mr Knox from Knox Corners, Oneida Co. had brought us a letter from Jane. When we got the Cen. we had seen almost no newspapers since we had been in the territory. No Tribune later than March 27. So the news we got in the Cen. was very acceptable. We had a chance to send to Lawrence next day to have our letters forwarded from there. Have not yet got them. Got your letter, dated April 30, last Thursday evening. Were very glad to hear from you. I presume you will have seen the letter we wrote to Robert by Mr Knox. I have not much news to send. Emigrants continue to crowd into the country. The man who assumes the chief management in this settlement, Mr Brown, is not at all truthful. So most of those who come here now go away again. In fact the wood about here is all taken about, or covered by claims in some way. There are many false claims however, when one man tries to hold more than his share. Those who get on to such claims, although their legal right is perfect, generally have some trouble with them. We are having a little trouble with ours. The justice of the Peace here assures us that our right under the preemption law is indisputable, and that we shall be protected in our right. Still we may be defrauded. If we are, the world is wide to choose again. The weather here is very different from yours. For example, April 30, the thermometer rose to 97° in the shade. But there was such a breeze that I was perfectly astonished to see where it stood. It has been excessively dry, however, so that vegetation is not as forward as we would expect from the dry weather we have had. We have had a few showers within the last fortnight. Previously we had no rain. The prospect has seemed rather discouraging on account of the drouth, but it looks better now. ... proposing till the time to write you long letters home & to Elizabeth and Robert & ... But these few lines must go now or I shall have

to wait another week before I send them. If Lewis would send an occasional paper or pamphlet, I would be very much obliged. I get no [illegible] paper. I owe you a good many letters at home, which I hope to pay sometime. Love to all at home. Remember us kindly to J. W. Roberts, Hugh Jones, and all inquiring friends. Write as often as you can.

Affectionately

Your son and brother

John R. Everett

[illegible], Feb. [illegible] '56.

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b[illegible] [illegible] the s[illegible], had [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible], and part of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] was [illegible] to buy a piano, which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], it [illegible] his daughter. He sent a number of prospectuses [illegible] for a newspaper to be published here, called "The Osawatomie Times." It states that such a paper will be issued here, the 1st No. some time in March. I should greatly like to have a paper printed here, of course, especially as it might personally advantage me by giving me employment occasionally. But there are more papers in Kansas now than can be supported, and why another starveling? Besides, to induce the publisher to locate here, the most extravagant and [illegible] statements are [illegible]. For instance the [illegible] that carries the mail back and forth from [illegible] here [illegible] [illegible] in a two-horse buggy, sometimes, in bad roads, on horseback. This is magnified into "two excellent lines of stages!! The Osage river (the Marais des Cygnes, "[illegible]") flows past us. Most of the time every here and there you can cross it dryshod. No one but the wildest speculator, with brain half turned, would dream of this as a navigable river. And yet according to the prospectus, there is water communication at high water between here and St. Louis! One of the two clergymen here[1] came to see the other day inviting me to write to expose such mendacity in the N.Y. Tribune. I declined for reasons; perhaps he will do it. This same minister signed a recommendation to [illegible] [illegible] last fall for Brown (it is hard [illegible] [illegible], for he passes [illegible] as a leading professor and [illegible] supporter). [illegible] [illegible] greatly regret it. This is a beautiful country, the soil is generous to him who tills it, and if, as we hope, our [illegible] [illegible] is over, it is a good place to live in. [illegible] [illegible] rare advantages, some disadvantages, and [illegible] [illegible] is good enough to tell of us. — I [illegible] some [illegible] trying to get a school this summer, if [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] enough for schools till next [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[1] Missionary of Anti-slavery [illegible] Ass. in N.Y.

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Osawatomie June 19. 1856.

Dear Father

Yours and Roberts of June 4 receiv[ed]
Very glad to hear Robert is so well.
I sent last week for 2 more Tribunes
and 4 more 3 week ago with the money
in both cases ($8.00). If not received let
me know. The P.M. saw me enclose
the money and P.M. will bear the
loss. The pie plants Lewis sent, & [illegible]
them, are doing nicely. Hope you
will not lose so much on your or[chard]
as you were afraid of it.
Dear father and Robert, I cannot
agree with your reasonings on the
peace question. The same principle
which would constrain us to
leave Kansas for the sake of peace
would carry slavery triumphant
over the whole country. Would
you leave your home because
the slaveholder wished to make

New York a Slave State? Senator Toombs says he will yet call the roll of his slaves in the shadow of Bunker Hill Monument. Shall the "solid men of Boston" then immediately leave when they hear the clank of the slave gang and the crack of the overseers whip, lest they be obliged to fight for their principles? For all free state men to leave now would be to surrender Kansas inevitably to slavery. This we cannot do. We would thus commit a crime against God and humanity which a thousand lifetimes would not suffice to expiate. I think liberty for the teeming population which is yet destined to fill this middle land of our country would be cheaply purchased by the blood of every settler now on it. But

this sacrifice is not necessary. Compare the intelligent intellectual free child with the ignorant, animal slave child, the virtuous free maiden with the unutterable woe that hangs over the slave girl, a "man created in the image of God," with a slave-[illegible] say whether we should tamely submit to suffer this land to be polluted by the sum of all [illegible]ainies.

But do not suppose we are going to enlist in an indiscriminate crusade, to take up arms for the mere sake of hitting somebo[dy]. We mean (the people generally) to stay here, to avoid collisions if possible, if attacked of course to defend ourselves if we can. Such an attitude will keep assailants. &c. But I think we

will be let alone. We are in-
clined about here to be very
peaceable. Meanwhile do every
thing to unite all friends of
justice in the next election
for free Kansas. This is the
point assailed. Concentrate
all your forces upon it. Other
points may be very important
in their time but this is
the point to gain now. Lose
here and the enemy have
turned the lines, and can
take the other defences one by
one. I wish all our old liberty
friends could perceive this.
We are quite well. The U.S.
troops are still here — company
D of the Cavalry.
Dear Robert, write us again
as soon as you can.
Affectionately
John

Osawatomie, Feb. 27 '56

Dear Father

The mail did not go out last week and probably will not this, on account of the high water. Consequently we have had no mail this week, and will not have till the streams fall enough to be fordable. I mailed a letter last week which perhaps you will get at the same time as this. I will write as I think of anything, and try to get it in before the mail goes out again.

Mother inquires in her letter (Jan 11) what the box cost us. ~~[illegible]~~ It was $4.15; namely { $1.30 in St. Louis, 1.50 on river, .50 in Kansas, .85 Kansas there }. The river was unusually low and the price high in proportion.

Thursday morning, March 7.—We received yours of Feb 15 & Susy's of Feb. 6 day before yesterday—with the $14 draft enclosed. Were very glad to hear that Robert was so much better. Would like to know (when the list is completed) how much paper you sent for to be had and how many you are sending out this year. Glad to hear the list is increasing a little.

Could you send one or two (or 3 or 4) currant cuttings (last year's growth from my bushes) in a newspaper, or and a Fastolf Raspberry root in another

(I think it will injure them to be frozen — off the ground.)

The box came to hand [illegible]e, we could not set out those roots and cuttings [illegible]ast fall, and I am afraid they are dead. It begins to look a little spring like here — about like your April — frosty nights and pleasant days. We have sold the stove we bought last fall to a carpenter who will help fix up our house. We were only obliged to sacrifice a little over a dollar on it. Sarah's health does not improve much. She is taking some strengthening medicine from a doctor. It seems to help her a little, but not a great deal. We have kept a girl now 3 weeks. She is going home to day. We pay $1.50 a week. Good girls are scarce.

The people's Legislature met at Topeka last Tuesday. It may be that there will be a collision between them and the Missouri border-ruffian legislature. We are fortunate in our people's Governor, Charles Robinson, an antislavery man from the East. He will not bate a jot of principle, but he proved himself as the leader of the people's forces in the Lawrence War of Independence a man of great moderation and prudence, and it was probably owing to him that no more blood was spilt there.

The president's proclamation about Kansas is received here, especially among western men, with contempt and scorn. It will not be easy for Frank Pierce to conquer us in the interest of Missouri, especially with so strong a feeling in the popular branch of Congress in our favor, and also among the masses of the people in the North.

I have thought for some time that it would not be best for us to get a team this spring. If I can get one horse cheap, and you own half one, I shall do it. I do not know what help I shall need, because I do not know what it will cost. I shall not get a high-priced animal. It is costing us a good deal to live now, especially on account of Susan's continued ill health. If we can get through this hard time, and get our health, I am not afraid but that we can get along here, and pay our debts. I think I can get a school with pretty fair wages next winter, and perhaps but not likely this summer.

No more now. Love to all at home. John.

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[illegible] way [illegible]

Affectionately

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[illegible] I think [illegible]

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U. S. Senators [illegible]
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[illegible] Humanity [illegible] &c.
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[illegible]

Dear [illegible] [illegible] Osa[illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]ce[illegible] yours o[illegible] [illegible] 10th and 17th [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] very glad [illegible] [illegible] that Robert was getting better. Hope he [illegible] continue to [illegible] and get his health [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I think it would be well worth while to try to save as many trees as you can in the way you suggest. It would be a great misfortune to lose that nice young orchard. The sap goes up into the tree from the roots in the outer wood (main [illegible]. It passes into the leaves and is there prepared for supporting and feeding the tree as the blood that passes through [illegible] the lungs for nourishing the animal body. It then returns ~~between~~ the bark and the wood depositing new wood, gradually losing its strength [illegible] it gets back to the root, receives a [illegible] supply, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. What you want to do then for your trees to save them is to provide for the safe passage [illegible] the upward and downward current of sap. This may be [illegible] by connecting the upper with the lower bark by a [illegible] [illegible] of last year's growth. But I think it would be much [illegible] effective [illegible] [illegible] would cover the surface that is eaten off with grafting composition. This would [illegible] it from [illegible] and the sap might still go up through the old ~~wood~~. The following is recommended as a good grafting composition: to 2 pounds of rosin add 1/4 lb of beeswax and 3/4 lb of tallow. [illegible] Fuller had some trees girdled by mice [illegible] succeeded [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to live through part of [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] part with [illegible] [illegible]. If the trees [illegible] [illegible] in this way, I think I should [illegible] [illegible]

close to the ground, and let one (the most vigorous) shoot grow, which I would bud in August or graft next Spring.

Cut the currant bushes down to the ground, and then train them up to three or four stems. Do not let the bottom of the bush grow full of little twigs like the old bushes, or you will have small currants, and three times the labor in picking. It is a great deal better to keep down the small growth, and only let 3 or 4 vigorous ones grow, than to try to thin them out and prune them afterwards.

I wonder if Eddy could not get me two or three raspberry roots with a small piece of the stem on and send them in a paper. It would be in this shape [illegible] cut the root short enough so that it would go in to a paper.

We have had considerable rain since we wrote. The Pottawatomie filled its banks and overflowed some, making a stream between banks between 30 and 40 ft deep and from 100 to 180 feet wide. The only way of crossing this stream is by fording with a horse (if you have one) or on a ~~tree~~ chopped down or on raised [illegible] on foot. Of course our communications now with town and with the world are cut off.

I have had two chills and missed once. So now I think I am over them for the present. Sarah is not quite as well as when I wrote last. With much love

Thursday May 9. [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Father [illegible] May 22 1856.

We received your [illegible] and I acknowledge [illegible] of $60. The Weekly Tribunes [illegible] as your letter [illegible] I have paid all my debts for building [illegible] about $40 left. I hope [illegible]

Political affairs [illegible] are approaching the crisis. The [illegible] of the administration is to interfere with [illegible] for our complete subjugation to the [illegible], but not at all for our protection. We [illegible] the most heart-rending and mournful [illegible] Lawrence. The villains [illegible] called out by Gov. Shannon to [illegible] to make a few paltry arrests, [illegible] murdering the citizens [illegible] the town. Some of the best citizens [illegible] by squads [illegible] on the highway. Others [illegible] the same way. [illegible] treachery of the administration [illegible]

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not the [illegible] [illegible] cause and [illegible]
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some of [illegible]. [illegible] of the Raspberry
plants [illegible] are growing. that is all
[illegible] is [illegible] undoubtedly.
[illegible] [illegible]. In haste [illegible]

P. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
Oneida Co.
N. Y.

Dear Father   Osawatomie, July 17, 1856.

There is considerable sickness about here now, especially among the new comers. We hear that there is a great deal of sickness among the Southerners. Our health continues quite good. We have had very dry weather. Scarcely any rain now for nearly five weeks. We have heard of no fresh disturbances, although we still mourn over our leaders in prison or driven from the territory and liberty completely stricken down. There is no people on the globe who have less to say in the conduct of their public affairs than the people of Kansas. This is no government of the people, but a government forced upon us by a mob of the vilest rabble of our neighboring State, enforced now alas by U.S. bayonets. We have had to submit to degrading insult, to having our houses searched, to the excesses of mob violence — women ravished, men beaten to death and shot in cold blood, men hung because their speech betrayed them to have come from the free hills of New England, and their murderers repeating in mockery their prayers to heaven while the dead yet hung on the tree. We have seen our best men, our peacefully appointed Legislators, who had assembled to try to devise some relief, dispersed at the point of the sabre. These things hang like the heaviest weight upon our spirits. We feel

the galling yoke of the oppressor. The iron enters our souls. We hoped this State would be free for all as is the air of heaven, and now we are slaves. If you could feel this as we feel it you would readily excuse those who have taken up arms to "do or die" for liberty. You would drop a tear over even their excesses, and your pity would wipe out your blame. But while the whole power of the federal government executive, judiciary and military is against us, we are devotedly attached to the general government and to the Union. We would do nought against it. But the territorial Legislature and its laws, we scorn despise and in no wise bow to. That Legislature is the representation of the lowest of the low in Missouri, but not ours. Now we look to the North. Will they tamely see the liberty of their own white brethren trampled down? Oh, if justice could every where ~~pre~~dominate, and liberty take rank of party in the minds of the people, we would have no fears.

Remember me kindly to John & [illegible] + Gwen, Mary H. Jones boys, J. H. Roberts & family, Thomas Jones (Storey) and a hundred others I could name, and tell them all to do what they can for freedom in Kansas.

With much love

Your son John

Dear Father: Osawatomie [illegible] 8. 1856.

[illegible] week. Our health continues good. There is considerable sickness about here but not nearly as much as last year. I have not been to the village for some time, and so have not much local news. We heard [illegible] night that a proslavery camp at Hickory Point (Palmyra or Prairie City) eleven miles this side of [illegible], had been [illegible] out, with the loss of their horses and arms. He told us also of a [illegible] man "[illegible]" who was attacked by [illegible] marauders [illegible] his [illegible] [illegible] and then [illegible] his [illegible]. He [illegible] down [illegible] and left [illegible], taking his

horse &c. He ... , found
his coat full of bullet ...
himself uninjured. He followed
the pursuers, tracking them ... the
... Indians for two days, and
... recovered his horse and came
back. This horse my informant had
borrowed, and had with him.
We are all glad here to see Douglas's
bill stands so poor a chance. If the
actual settlers had been 10 to 1 for
freedom, that bill would have given
... chance. Am very glad to see
Fremont ... with you
must be irresistable ...
... as to (Price ... force ...
I was ...
... you ...
...
Everything is very dry. The prospect
for a crop is very poor. Sarah wants
to make some cheese ... Where ...
... so it does now nearly
... mother could get us a rennet, and send it
... immediately ... would be worth
... the postage ... they want

P.S. tell John. ... all ... Sarah ...

Ashes of Osawatomie, Sept. 2, 1856.

Dear Father,

We wrote you 2 or three days ago, about the burning of Osawatomie, after a gallant but ineffectual defence. The Missourians made their appearance a little after daylight last Saturday morning. They shot F. Brown, about 1½ miles West of town which was the first signal that they were upon us. The enemy numbered ~~by actual count~~ about 320. To oppose their force there were only about 30 Free State men in the contest. The enemy had 2 cannon. Our men only their rifles and shot guns. North of the town is a belt of timber lining the Marais des Cygnes river. Among the underbrush in this timber commanding the entrance to the town from the West our men posted themselves. There they maintained the unequal contest for half an hour. The cannon were aimed too high. When our men saw the flash from these deep mouthed thunderers they stooped down and the murderous grape whistled and crashed in the leaves and branches overhead. But the disparity was too great. Our brave men were compelled to retreat across the river. Now was a perilous time. They had to cross the river and climb a steep bank right under the enemy's fire.

Some crossed at a narrow ford. Some swam. Others made their horses swim them across. The bullets flew about them like hail stones. One man was at our house to day who had a bullet right through his hat, grazing the top of his head. One noble friend of freedom was found in the river today, shot through the head. But the great majority, thank God, got across with their lives. [illegible] returned and fired the town. So far as learned 2 of our men were killed in the action and 2 wounded, flesh wounds. There were also 2 killed, and one severely wounded as they were coming in before the action. Two or three are yet missing. We hope they may yet be alive but fear they are in the river some at least. Our men estimate the loss of the enemy in killed and wounded at from 18 to 30. They took away three wagon loads of killed and wounded.

Some families lost all they were worth in the world by the burning of the town. Others will suffer who are depending on their labor for support. I have related stern facts. I cannot moralize upon them. We have the man who was wounded most severely in our house. His thigh bone is broken. He has 20 or 30 shot, and bullet wounds in his legs. Most of the shots went clear through. If the voice of Kansas could be heard in the North, it would be an agonizing shriek for help. We are writing

with intense anxiety to hear the news from Lawrence. Settlers are continually leaving. Our bark is in exceedingly perilous waters. We may get safely through or we may be engulphed. We are in God's hands and trust in his providence

We have reason to be thankful that we are all in ordinary health. Love to all

Yours &c

John.

[illegible]

Dear Father

We received your [illegible]

[illegible] this week. [illegible]

glad to hear from home

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[illegible] little [illegible]

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sufferings, when they threaten [illegible]

will perform for [illegible]

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[illegible]ving but I could not save

[illegible] [of] life.

[illegible] much love from both of us

[illegible] all John.

a Thanksgiving also after the election ... one ... wanting to see the ... received ... towns ... differ- ent candidates &c.

... with the fourth ...

...ne time this week. It is a great source of pleasure to us to hear ... of Tom and especially from you.

...nd would that I might drop in and see you now, as I would ... that new nephew! Frank would rejoice greatly over him. He is very fond of babies. There is no end of his enjoyment as he makes such wonderful discoveries as "Has got a mouff" and "Has got eyes" and "Has got ittle feet." I wish the

two little cousins could come
go[illegible]. I would answer for my
boy's enjoying the visit. I hope
our little nephew may be b[rought]
up in "the nurture and adm[o]-
nition of the Lord", and that he
may become an honor to his
father and grandfather. Give
our special regards to its mother.
If our dear Ethel is well you
must try and send us out her
Daguerreotype, Lewis, for I do
not know that I have ever seen
to recognize her. We were very
glad indeed to see Jane's hand-
writing again. When affairs become
settled again, if she is then disengag[ed]

... she may ... well to
...me out to Kansas to teach.
...hope you will make a thoroug[h]
trial of the Asylum for Robert.
...think it the best hope under God
...o his recovery. It is probably best
...hat you should not see him
during at least the first weeks
or months of his stay there. This
is a great trial to us all, but
I continue to hope for the best.

Since I last wrote there has been
an election under the bogus laws.
It passed off quietly as far as I have
heard. Free State men paid no attentio[n]
at all to it. It is part and parcel
of the infamous laws attempted to
be imposed upon Kansas by the
Missouri conspirators with which we
have nothing to do.

Our health as a family is good. S

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Pottawotamie are returning. On

of these men, a violent dangerous

character, who tried to kill

one free state man and threaten

besides trying to steal often

they was compelled to flee. Anoth

Henry Sherman ("Dutch Henry") had

his house burned down and prom

ised to leave the neighborhood. This

last case I could not approve. But the

strife and fighting of the last year and a hal

produced in this case as in others undoubt

edly a private feud and bitterness. Hope the

election of Fremont will restore us to self

government; then every thing will be right

We have now you know no government. W

look forward to the election with hope but with

a good deal of trembling. Affectionately, ...

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[illegible] for the U.S. [illegible]

[illegible]

Our Quaker [illegible] is [illegible] free State. We [illegible] in the territory. [illegible] 2 [illegible] 80 [illegible] The free State men did not vote I believe. [illegible] in the House of Rep. [illegible] [illegible] his [illegible]. [illegible]

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challenged, and denied his vote by the test oath. It would be a great triumph to the Missourians if we should vote, for it would be acknowledging the validity of their laws. A free State man had a pistol snapped at him as he was passing by the place of voting in this county. (There is only one voting place in each county) (I do not speak much of counties, for there ha[ve] [illegible] specified by the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in our p[illegible]. Gov. Geary was through here [illegible]. We can not miss him much. Over 120 troops were with him. We understood they were trying to arrest some free State [illegible] [illegible] have been in the war. We did not hear as they had got any one. If Buchanan is elected we shall consider our condition perilous here. If Fremont, I do not think we shall have much to fear, even before he takes his seat. The threats of murderous and bloody opposition do not signify to me as much as the snap of your finger, or an unkind school ma'am threatening to cut off a child's ear. You ask some questions about the [illegible] of the town which were answered in the letter sent. We heard the firing—the booming of the cannon and the sharp rattle of the muskets & rifles, and the shouts and swearing of the enemies as they were urging each other on to their fiendish work. I had gone [illegible] [illegible] just after sunrise. When I returned I found [illegible], from across the Pottawattomie in the house. He said the Missourians were on us. I then went on a hill [illegible] South that overlooked the town to see what [illegible]. [illegible] friend Mendenhall and wife on the [illegible]. We were about three miles from the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] marching [illegible]

[illegible] Apr. 15

I promised to [illegible] another message [illegible] our [illegible] — Our little [illegible] — to day we [illegible] him in the little grave, where the prairie meets the wood, we [illegible] his resting place, and there we have left him alone,

He passed away without a struggle yesterday morning about 7 o'clock, He has suffered very little during his sickness [illegible] in consequence of [illegible] had [illegible] and pale [illegible]

[illegible]

Mr. [illegible] in this place [illegible]

Little [illegible] his way He [illegible] so much [illegible] since [illegible] I think [illegible] when he got [illegible]

[illegible] time,

([illegible]) [illegible]

We have two cows, and a yearling, a heifer and a calf.
We get 10 or 12 qts of milk a day. Our crop does not amount
to much. What of our corn, potatoes were poor and rotted
in the ground. The drouth finished the rest mostly. The
dry weather hit our beans on one side, and the early frost
knocked them with a killing blow on the other. Our
buckwheat would not grow till we had rain, and the
frost then killed it good just as it had seed. Our turnep seed would
not start for want of rain. Our corn was put backward
by drouth, then injured by frost. Our three pigs are
thriving nicely. They will live without much feeding thro
the winter. The shiftless Missouri fashion is not to feed
either cattle or hogs in the winter, but make them find
their own living in the bottoms. We have 5 laying hens, &

grown pullets, 34 last summer and fall September chickens. One
of our June pullets began to lay to day. Our blind mare, a bor=
rowed cat and a few mice, complete our list of live stock. Sarah
says the old mare is the joy of her eyes. She has ~~too~~ been a very
great convenience to Sarah, for ~~Sarah~~ she has not been able to
walk so well since she had that ague cake. I believe she
has been saved from sickness this summer by having the
mare to ride. Our mare is about like your Tom, as
faithful and spirited and about the same size. Eggs are
worth here 15cts a dozen. We have had 52 chickens
since June 1, and have raised 50 of them so far, ex=
cept what we have eaten. — Sarah wishes me to express her sincere
sympathy with Lewis' wife. We feel bad for Robert. We are afraid
David Lewis will be a disagreeable and unsuitable attendant for him. Does
the Doctor know the reason ~~Robert~~ has for not liking him, and how David may
feel bitterly towards Robert. I can not help thinking the treatment he would get
under a thoroughly enlightened and humane doctor in an asylum the best he
can have. The treatment of the insane has been a matter of special and very earnest
thought of many very able and philanthropic men especially in the last half
century, and in a rightly managed Asylum they are prepared to carry out
the result of that study and attention. What is Robert's expense at the Asylum?
To day has been quite rainy.
Affectionately, John.

O. July 4.

Dear Father

We have just heard the mail goes this ^instead of tomorrow^ morning, and we can send down. Did not hear from home this week. We are all well. No more trouble at Osawatomie yet. They keep a guard every night. The troops are somewhere in the vicinity. Have no time to write more lest we [illegible] the mail.

Affectionately
John & Sarah

My Dear Father

I take my pen in hand to write my last letter from Lebanon Springs. When I last wrote home I was expecting to be home by this time. But I have lingered here from one day to another, not liking to give up the water, until I felt myself more improved than I have as yet. My health is better than it was when I came here, but I feel yet far from well. Mrs. Gove, the lady who has acted as the physician to this establishment left for N. Y. last Friday. Before she went I had quite a conversation with her about my case; and she wrote me some directions to follow after I went home. Afterwards I rode with her and three companions to Pittsfield (7 miles) where they were going to meet the cars. Our road lay over the mountains, and I thought I would like to have a short sleigh ride & enjoy the mountain air. Yesterday I got a note from Mrs. G. enclosed in a letter to her mother, who is here. In it she gave me some additional advice. She says she has thought much of my case since she left. She considers my case more difficult and delicate than she did when I first came. She writes, "I wish you could come to Dr. Shew's for a few weeks. I think it would be the best thing you could do. . . . I feel anxious that you should be for a few weeks where you can have good & experienced medical advice. I will do all I can for you if you come here, as I shall I expect be near here, but not here" (i.e. at Dr. Shew's.) — Dr. Shew is the editor of the "Water Cure Journal," and has published two works on Hydropathy. I have made up my mind that I will go to N. Y. and start to-morrow. If I could I would consult you first. But I cannot. If I thought that you would be unwilling for me to take this step I should be very unhappy. But I feel it very important for me to get my health. For the last two years I have not done one year's work bodily, nor half one year's mentally. I have an abhorrence of taking drugs. So I hope you will not

blame me much for wishing to try the cold water a little longer. It is quite expensive, but it is very expensive also to lose time and enjoyment and usefulness, by the state of half-sick and less than half wellness in which I have been for a long time back. I do not feel contented to stay here, and I think I shall feel contented in New York, where I can confide in the medical advice, and where also I can enjoy the society of friends and see familiar faces. My expenses there will be from 6 to 7 dollars weekly. The expense of getting there will be from 4 to five dollars. I think I shall try to get work in some of the printing offices there for about 3 hours daily, if it will be possible. I hope you will write me immediately what you think of this, and how you get along at home. I think I am doing for the best. I feel exceedingly anxious to get along so far with my cure that I can carry it on myself at home with good heart. Without health, neither money nor life will be valuable to me. I hope you can get along without me a little longer at home. I suppose the Hymn Book must wait. I feel anxious to be at home at work, but I feel more anxious to get my health. My expenses here have been as follows.

Board, use of Baths &c., 4 weeks	$20.00
Fuel & light	2.00
Washing	1.00
A Book which I bought "Lecture on Physiology"	1.00
Paid Mrs Gove for advice	2.00
Expenses in Albany & passage here	2.50
Mitts 3 handkerchief 6/6	1.19
Shoes	1.63
Mending shoes	19
Umbrella	1.25
Ride to Pittsfield & back	.50
	33.26

So you see I shall not have much in hand after getting to N.Y.

I hope you will write to me immediately to N.Y. I shall need more money — how much I do not know yet. I suppose you can get a draft from one of the merchants in Clemson on ~~ottle~~ ~~th~~ White ~~for~~ some one in N.Y., and enclose it in a letter directed "John R. Everett, New York City," and I will get it from the general P.O. I shall wait anxiously for a letter to know what you think of my staying in N.Y. and would not do it, unless I thought it would meet with your approval.

But to speak of something else. I think I have not told you any thing about the Shakers. About two miles and a half from here is a settlement of the Shakers. There are between 600 & 700 settled in a community there. They own between 5 & 6000 acres of land. They possess every thing in common. I have been over to see them in my walks a number of times since I have been here. There is an appearance of great comfort & great neatness about their dwellings. They have been practising the water cure there about a year and a half. I was over there yesterday with Dr. Bedortha, and saw Philemon Stuart, the Shaker that introduced it there. He had been a practising physician on the old plan for a number of years, and I was told by one of our neighbors here that had been quite successful both among them and among others. He had been troubled himself with hereditary scrofula from infancy. He also had had catarrh of the worst description for 15 years. His digestion was so bad that he obliged to take digestive pills before every meal. In sum he said that 18 months ago he seemed to himself a complication of all diseases that humanity was liable to. About that time he obtained possession of Capt Claridge's book, (the same that Mr. Edwards of Floyd has,) and as he ~~tried~~ had tried every other remedy without success, he thought he would try water, and he tried it very thoroughly according to the directions in that book. The result was that he is now a well man, and weighs 10 pounds heavier than he ever did before. He is now practising this system successfully on

others, and has thrown his old medicines aside entirely.

We happened by chance to meet with another case over there. Benjamin Lyons, a man 65 yrs old, and who has been a Shaker ever since he was 3 yrs old, had been troubled for a long time with rheumatism and piles, and a bad humour in his face. After trying other medicines without success, he by Philemon Stuart's advice tried cold water, and has been entirely relieved of rheumatism and piles and nearly so of the humor. These are very encouraging facts especially coming from that quiet, secluded people. If such a catarrh as P. Stuart's describes his to be can be cured by cold water, I am sure mine can. But I must close. My love to all at home. Your affectionate

Son John.

New Lebanon Springs,
N.Y. Dec 12th

Rev. Robert Everett.
Remsen
Oneida Co
N.Y.

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Oct. 5 1860

Dear Father

We have not heard from home in a long time and begin to feel uneasy. Our crops in this part of the country are almost an entire failure. Corn the main dependence will not average over 3 bushels to the acre very much of it poor and [illegible]. Sugar cane is better about one third crop. Potatoes nothing as yet; a few sweet potatoes. We are doing pretty well with our cows too considering. Sarah was sick a few weeks and we had to give up making cheese. I made about 3 weeks. Have made butter now a month. Get 12½ to 15 cts mostly store pay. Make now about 50 lbs a week. Paying my hired man now I have raised nothing will trouble me most. I can not pay even interest on what I owe, and I hoped last spring to do more.

About 2 rains not heavy that have wet the ground 4 or five inches deep we have had since last spring two a year ago. Light showers that would just lay the dust or sink into the ground an inch or two have been tolerably frequent. It is a perpetual wonder to us that any thing grows. Our stock is fat. We have had four calves & one yearling die with the black leg the last few days. Please write immediately. All well now

Your Son

John

Dear Father & Mother, brothers and sisters and all of you: We have a chance of sending to the postoffice to Utica this morning and Robert is writing and told me to write a few words to put inside his letter. Robert arrived here quite comfortably yesterday about 3 o'clock. We walked all the way after leaving Henry except from Salardd to Whitesboro. Mr Butler & Elizabeth were pretty well. Our new doctor Mr Foster, arrived here yesterday. His appearance strikes me quite favorably. He seems rather a quiet, unassuming gentleman, but I should judge well informed in his profession. Dr Holland says he was in very good practice in Ohio which he left to come here. A young man not over thirty. — As ~~to my own~~ health [illegible]

[illegible]

My health [illegible] ... I feel better [illegible]

[illegible] ... My ... health [illegible]

I have been looking very much for a letter from ~~home~~ all the last week. I did not get even the Ambassador [illegible] send it on.

The mail is starting. I have had one comfortable large boil on my ancle. I must close. Write soon and send the Cenhadwr.

Your affectionate son & brother

John

Osawatomie Aug 1, '61.

Dear Parents,

We received a letter from Cynthia a few days ago, containing a couple more mouth pieces. I believe we have been pretty neglected [?] lately. The [illegible] from Uncle Henry came I think in good season. We are very much obliged to uncle [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. We [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for a month [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] been pretty good. [illegible] [illegible] are now [illegible] some showers of [illegible], but not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] chinch bugs, which soon destroyed its fair promise. So with wheat generally. Still there is more wheat than ever before in the Country, owing to the larger breadth sown — and some good wheat.

Our hearts sank when we first heard the news of our disaster at Manassas in Virginia. It does not turn out as bad as we at first heard, but bad enough to be obliged to turn back.

Aug 6. — Have not much to add. We are pretty well. Times are very hard here. Very little sale for cheese or any thing else. Our merchants are doing no business, as there is nothing to buy with. A band of soldiers with 56 wagon load of provisions for Gen Lyon passed through here yesterday. Our little [illegible] is well and very stout.

Your affectionate Son
[illegible]

[illegible] Dec 2[illegible] [illegible]

Dear Father and all friends at home —

A merry Christmas to you all. We had our merry Christmas last Saturday and a good one, for our box came Saturday. I have a chance to get this to the mail and must necessarily write but a few lines. I hardly know how to express our feeling of gratitude and comfort and happiness at getting so many nice things from you and our [illegible] friends. You could not have sent things so appropriate to our needs and longings if we had sent to tell what to send. Sarah asked Robert when we heard of the box what he wanted to come in the box? "Robbie want a little clock, and a knife and a pair of boots." So you see he wanted it exactly. Tell Mary that the children are very [illegible] with their little sack

They were just what they wanted.
Frankie thought the folks in Steuben ~~[illegible]~~ knew how to make socks better than his mother. And then boots. What little boy don't like boots? If there are any such, they are very different from your little Owosso boys. The only feeling of alloy is that you have done so much — we fear you have done too much. Our feeling before we got the box was a feeling of deep gratitude that in the midst of general distress and pinching we were so well off and now our cup overflows. We hope we may feel grateful to God. We killed and salted three hogs weighing 730 lbs — most of the clear meat we want to sell. We made 60 lbs of sausage. We have had and shall have plenty of beef. As we could not sell our wheat for seed or some [illegible] on account of dry weather we have plenty of Graham [illegible]

Our clothes were scanty and now these are furnished so generously. We expect to have to make some addition to our house room before another [illegible] as that heavy wind last summer racked this pretty badly.

O. J. Owen paid the freight on the box to Hudson where the St Louis road meets the Hannibal and St Joseph road. It was rather unfortunate sending that [illegible] as it turned out that the river was closed.

We had a small freight bill to pay on the box, as I inferred for the distance it came beyond the railroad. Give our warmest thanks to all our friends and accept the greatest part yourselves.

Your affectionate children
John and Sarah Everett

P.S. Mr Adair wished to give his hearty thanks for the gloves. I gave him that $10.00 father sent for meeting house

He spoke of it as a double charity.
It helps the meeting house – and then
it enables them to pay those that
need work in this hard winter.

Osawatomie Aug 29

Dear Father

As we are sending to the office this morning I take time to drop a line to all our loved ones at home, to let you know that we have nothing unpleasant or painful personally to record. There is a good deal of sickness around us but we keep our health pretty well. We hear a good many [illegible] of "war's alarms" these days. Gov. [illegible] son of Missouri we hear has disbanded his troops or at least scattered them in consequence of the loss of nearly all his provisions and baggage wagons in the battle when Gen Lyon was killed. Consequently there is some apprehension that some of the towns of Kansas may be invaded. The apprehension is greater as most of our young men have enlisted. The people are on the alert, some are

riding west, and Gen. Sun has promised to send a company of men to guard the line in this direction.

We are getting along alone now it is difficult to get or pay help. I had a man helping me get up hay, but he has gone home sick. This will account for my not writing oftener or more at length. Our cows are in the timber till just at night so we cannot get them up till late; we milk till bed time, so have no evenings. The children are all well. Sarah says Clara & Judith is the best child she ever saw!

We have rec'd two letters from Jane since we wrote (Aug ' and 12th) Please write as often as you can.

With love to all

John.

St Joseph Ill.
May 4, [illegible]

Dear [illegible],

[illegible]

St. Jos, Ills [illegible]

[illegible]

much [illegible]

[illegible] sick, and [illegible] at

home all [illegible] considerations

my [illegible] your [illegible] for

[illegible] is [illegible]

[illegible] at home, [illegible]

stays to keep the house and

I told [illegible] to stay at home

nights and [illegible] to make

his home with [illegible] ard a

very kind and upright Quaker

friend and neighbor. [illegible]

[illegible] have left [illegible]

got your short note about Ed,

being at Utica with [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] shall find that Sarah has rallied again, [illegible] Robbie and I are both well.

Your affectionate [illegible]

Osawatomie
Monday Nov 21, 18[illegible]

Dear Father

I have settled all my business here satisfactorily and am starting for home this morning. We are both well. Very cold this morning [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I write [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Affectionately

[illegible]

Osawatomie, Ap. 13, 1866.

Dear Father

I am in the village to day. I have just got my mail. No letter, but three papers from home which is the next best thing. Very much obliged to whoever sent them. I am getting better of my cold. Frank has gone to Shawnee to help Mrs Mendenhall drive her cows. That place is about ten miles this side of Kansas City. Frederick has gone to move Mrs. Mendenhall, and on to Kansas City after sweet potatoes. So I am alone with Mr Snow. Am not feeling very lonesome. Tell Benny I got Harper's Magazine last Monday. I got the Crusader to day. Had not any chance to get mail before since last Monday.

I hope you are getting along comfortably at home, and that you do not have to work too hard. I think Kansas air agrees with me. I wish you could come and breathe the free prairie air for a few days. We have had no wet weather since I have come back. One little shower in the night, a week last Monday night. The Spring is quite backward here. Tell Robbie ~~[illegible]~~ Isaac has got the 20 acre lot most half plowed. Love to all at home.

Your Son John

P.S.

Sent a letter to Cynthia last Monday.

Tell Eddy when you write to him I want to get a letter from him.

[illegible] Feb. 26, 18[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

The last time I [illegible] the mail [illegible] I got your letter of [illegible] with the enclosure all right. I am glad to get a letter from your hand again. You must be [illegible] as you have given up preaching [illegible]. You have turned [illegible] the [illegible], and still retain your [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] of the [illegible]. [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] may still be [illegible] made up before the half year is out. You remember it used to be a [illegible]. The times are quite hard in [illegible] (mining [illegible]) of a [illegible] out throughout the country, and it is [illegible] that about the first of the [illegible] [illegible] on account of the [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible].

My tax this year was 6.75. That is one of the features of this country — such a low tax on visible property. This year it amounts to three per cent on the assessment. A high tax is unavoidable in a new country. We have had a good substantial new school-house built in our district this past fall 20 × 33 feet — 10 feet between joists. Next summer we hope to seal it, and to make an entry in one end. All the expense of schools here is borne by property tax, except a small dividend from the state from the sale of school lands.

— I have a chance to send this to the mail and must close very hastily as you will be anxious to know I got your last. Love to all

J. R. …

Will try to answer your questions soon —

Loudon Tenn. Apr. 8, 65.

Dear Father

I received yours of March 31 last evening. I am very sorry I have been so remiss in writing. I have got well of the chills. It is over a month since I had my last chill. Still I do not get very strong to walk. I received a letter from Cynthia some time back and from Eddie and Abbie, which I ought to have answered. Tell Cynthia I hope she will be happy. I thank her for all the news she wrote about the neighbors. I was glad to hear from Elizabeth in your letter. I must try to write to her soon. I am glad to hear there is some prospect of them moving nearer to you. I am very sorry to hear that Anna's health continues so poor. We got the [illegible] this month Friday April 5 — 4 or 5 days earlier than common.

me for him by a man here owing him money. I want to keep that and pay him out of the bond which you have of mine. Have you any of your two fifties to exchange for one of my hundreds? ~~&~~ I am expecting to get more money for Mr Lewis this month. and I was keeping this to send all together. So if you can manage to sell fifty it will not be necessary to send the other twenty, only to let me know and I can arrange it without sending either way. Do not put yourself to trouble in this matter, for I can get along without any advance for some time at least. So if you arrange it that way (as above) send thirty dollars to Mr Lewis, and say it was from me. Give my love to Mary when you write to her. How is Jennie's health? Is she as much in the office as she used to be? Love to Lewis' family and to all at home.

John

Mr Snow still lives with us.
He has rented about half of my
cultivated land this year. Part of
the remainder is in winter wheat. the
rest I am going to work. I have
been buying within a few days two
colts. One is three years old, the
other a yearling - both mares. For the
first I paid $77.-; for the other $4-.
The three-year-old will do to work and
ride some this summer. It has been
very dry with us this spring. We
had a good rain the 6th of March
- since then hardly any. the prospect
for a wheat crop is very poor.

Now a word on business. After
buying the colts I find my funds run-
ning rather low. I might possibly get
along, but I want to be prepared so
I can buy a cow if I find one to suit
to replace one I killed last winter. I
have (30) thirty dollars belonging to
Thomas D. Lewis, which has been paid

Perhaps mother will like to hear that we have plenty of milk for family use. We are milking but one cow (a farrow.) We make more butter than we use. We have plenty of meat and some to sell. We planted three quarters of an acre of potatoes about a week ago. We have plenty of sorghum molasses made from our own cane. Our school has been out now about two weeks.

Osawatomie May 12 [illegible]
(Tuesday)

Dear Father,

We received yours of Ap. 27 (and Robbie's) the last of the week. I have just received $20 for Mr T. J. Lewis, and if you can send $20 (from the sale of my U.S. bond) to him, it will accommodate me much better than to send it to me.

I can not say that my health is very good. I have had a very bad cold for over a week, with at first a good deal of soreness of the lungs and loss of appetite. But that soreness has passed off, and I am getting better. The weather has been very changeable this spring, and this cold attacked me when the weather was the hottest.

Frank is quite well. I have not been able to do much work this spring. I have got in for myself five acres of corn, four acres of hungarian grass, about 3/4 acre of potatoes. The crops are all up and looking nicely. I got about 1/2 peck of the Early Goodrich potato to try them this spring. Have you ever tried them? They have been plowed out and are nearly large enough to hoe. J. D. Griffiths used to have this kind. I believe they are the best early kind - not liable to rot. We are milking one farrow cow - Make about 6 lbs of butter a week from her. Have two more that will come in in four or five weeks. I am having 8 or ten acres of prairie broke this spring, which we are planting in corn. We do not look for very much of a crop from prairie sod; it sometimes yields half a crop. I pay $3 1/2 an acre for breaking. I received the May Entreaduer on the 1st day of May. Was glad to get it so early, and am glad to hear that the in=

increase of price has not materially reduced your list.

I hope Mary's will feel well enough to let me know with her own pen the time she got home; and as much about her New York history as she has time to write. What system of medicine has she been studying? I would like very much to get a letter from her. Hope that Anna's health continues to improve. You do not say anything about Cynthia then I may hope she is perfectly well and perfectly happy especially as Cousin Ottie is with her.

You inquire about our religious privileges, and my hearing. Our Minister the Rev S. L. Adair, is a very poor speaker, and I get very little profit from his preaching. The creek between us and him is generally easily fordable, and much of the time can be crossed dry-shod on some stepping stones. There has been a singing school in our schoolhouse Sabbath afternoons, which Frank has attended

and last Sunday there was preaching
in the first time since the house was
built, by a Baptist minister, Mr. [illegible],
of Osawatomie. It is a great trial not to
be able to hear the word of God preached. We
had a meeting of the State Congregational
Association at Osawatomie this spring. I was
able to hear some of the sermons for which
I felt thankful. You ask about a bridge.
There is a bridge on the Pottawatomie about
two miles below us.

Mother asks about clothes. We shall be able
to get what we need this summer.

Love to all at home, to Lewis and Jane and
our dear children. John R. Everett

J. R. HUBBARD & CO.
BANKERS.

Paola, Kansas, Nov 12 1868.

Dear Father

I am over in Paola this morning, and I thought I would get a small check and send you on account of winter's clothing for the children. I wish I could send you more, but better this than nothing. We are both well, although I have been about 30 miles north of this place to Olathe and have not been home since day before yesterday. They are busy on that road, grading for the railroad from Kansas City, and there is some prospect that the cars will be in Paola within 7 or eight miles of Osawatomie by New years, or if not then at all events early next summer. We expect this will be a great event in the material history of this part of the country.

How much we rejoice over the result of the Election, and not less in the marked progress of the country in the direction of equal rights. Universal suffrage triumphant in Minnesota and Iowa and a heavy vote for it, presaging its sure future triumph even in old border ruffian Missouri. Surely

the world moves. "The Lord reigneth, Let the earth rejoice;"
"The stars in their courses fought against Sisera."
I got a letter from Cynthia a few days ago from
Rome. I truly hope Anna may find help and
health from her doctor there.

I hope I may find a letter when I go back to
Osawatomie from home. Love to the children and to all
at home

Your affectionate son

John R Everett

Osawatomie July 24 1869.

Dear Father,

I would be glad if you can send me fifty dollars from the bonds you hold of mine. We have just got through harvesting our oats. We had 7 acres, a pretty good crop. I am going to build a small granary. Frank and I are both pretty well, except that I am troubled with sore eyes; I think occasioned by binding oats, perhaps by some weed. I am quite tired which, I hope, may be my excuse for not writing much at present. We have had a great deal of rain this summer,— great floods in some parts of Kansas, but not as high water here as we have seen before. How are you prospering with the lawnmower, since you raised the price? Do you realize as much from it as you used to? I would like to

hear from sister Mary when she
comes home from New York, & have her
tell me some thing of what she has
been doing and learning, and whether
there were other ladies studying the
medical art. Love to the dear
children and to all at home, not forgetting ~~[illegible]~~
Lewis' folks

John R Everett

John R Everett

Dear Father — I received $8.50 which you sent — the coupon money. I do not know how to thank you for sending, and I am afraid you ought to have kept it for the children. This is not a promising year for my farming operations, although my crops look better than the average of my neighbors, and perhaps they will turn out better than we expect. My health is tolerably good — Frank's very good. We have had a few early apples — ripe and gone. Our late Strawberry apples

are just beginning to ripen. Our early
peaches will be ripe in a few
days. — There seems to be more
religious interest and more religion
[illegible] about here than there used to
be although nothing special. We
were quite pleasingly disappointed in
getting so much of a S.S. Library to start
with. Forgive me for being so long
without writing.

Your son John

Dear Father,

Tuesday morning.

There are some Nonpareil figures, I believe, on one of the gallies under the stove pipe in the Office. I want them sent down by John Hicks tomorrow morning. Also let the boys try to find the Nonp. leaders. I want the em leaders, if they can find them. Also what Bourgeois Capital A [A] you can spare. And a page or two of Bourgeois matter if you do not use it.

What I want particularly is the Nonp. figures. Send them in the morning if possible.

I shall want the bourgeois figures in the case at home sent down soon too. Let Jimmy and Eddy set them up. But that will do some time again.

You see by this I am not going to start West right off. I sent a proof of another form (minus 4 p.) yesterday. I couldnt get better proof yesterday.

Robert got the Exchange for the Evangelist. He says he will try to recollect the circumstances, and write them down.

Shall send up another form Thursday or Friday. Health good. Robert & Jane well

Your son John.

P.S. Got yours yesterday.

My [illegible]m about the Freight is the
same as yours — that it was an equal exchange
without anything to pay. Robert says he [illegible]
[illegible] but he will try
[illegible] write you.

P.S.
Tell Lewis to look at his Semi-Weekly Tribune for Oct 22 page 3 under "Home Interests" "Dainty dishes—Fried Potatoes." Do you know of any such Potato Cutter or Dried Beef Cutter? It is like a carpenters plane, and only costs 60cts. I would like to get one if I could. God made every thing "good." Why should not "we" cooks avail ourselves of every legitimate appliance to keep at least what we have to eat good.

[illegible] June [illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] letter [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] — [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible] My arm is getting [illegible]

and there is [illegible]

[illegible] back again [illegible] —

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] a letter [illegible]

[illegible] night. I did not

expect you to [illegible]

[illegible] again [illegible]

[illegible]

I hope you have [illegible]

[illegible] exactly [illegible] what
[illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] it if I do not need to
[illegible].

[illegible]
the boys are quite well. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] nothing new.

Do you take the [illegible]? The
is an article in the number for [illegible]
[illegible] which I think very interesting
and contains some novel ~~ideas~~. and [illegible]
[illegible]. What do you think of it?

If you come across any pamphlet
or article detailing the physical and
and moral affects of the use of tobacco
and liquor, I would be very much
obliged if you would send to me.
I would like the boys to read on
the subject, and I have nothing

I can say my prayers [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] that we may be kept from
the evil that is in the world, and
kept [illegible] always [illegible] the [illegible]
of our heavenly Father. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Uncle Nathaniel [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in Ithaca [illegible].
— [illegible] is [illegible]
[illegible] getting late, [illegible]
[illegible] ride [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
day. With much love to all
Your affectionate son
John.

Osawatomie Apr. 7. 1875.

Dear Mother

Yours of March 29 & Sarah's just received in town. I wrote to you about a week last saturday, which perhaps was lost. I have been very tired since I got back and for the last week so nearly sick that I have put off everything I possibly could. Am not feeling well now. Seem to be quite weak. But I sleep pretty well, so I hope I shall get over it. Have not seen any snow since I got back. The weather has been very warm ~~since I got back~~ for a few days

There is not much grass yet and feed for stock is very scarce. It is a good time for work.

I hope the good Lord may be with you in your affliction, and support and comfort you to the end, as he has promised to those that fear him. And may we all be led to trust him, and to feel that ~~this~~ the shadow of his wing is over those that love him.

I thank Sarah for sending the receipt. I think of you all very often, and hope to be able to write a little oftener and more to the purpose. I can not stop now to add more.

With much love to you all and brother Lewis folks

Your affectionate son

John R Everett

Osawatomie July 19 185[illegible]

Dear Mother

Yours of July [illegible] I received the last time I was in town. It made me quite happy to get a letter from you. I have but little time to write, but I thought you would like to get an answer soon, if short. You enquire about my health. It was a good deal better for a short time, and perhaps if I could have stayed with Mary I might have got permanent benefit. I did not think I could describe my symptoms so as to receive much benefit from advice by letter so far off in distance and time as [illegible]. I ought to have got a book which Mary recommended to me in New York on the car, but I did not have the money to spare. And I did not feel right that Mary should [illegible] though and [illegible] to increase, when she is [illegible]

so hard to get and honorable standing in her profession, without payment, and that I did not see my way clear for I told you about our poor crop in times as last year. Well, we had a very late spring, and I used a great deal to get the stock through to grass. Now cattle do not seem in much demand. But the prospect for the present crop is encouraging. — [illegible] the [illegible] have [illegible]. They took about one-fifth of my corn, all of my early potatoes, and a portion of my millet. The weather has been exceedingly favorable so far. I have over an acre of late potatoes [illegible] too, that are looking well. It is the custom of farming here to plant potatoes for summer use as early as we can in the spring. They are ready to begin to use about the middle of June. Then we plant in late May or early June for late fall and winter. Then they are fresh, while the early ones

will be old lasting and perhaps wilter
or perhaps take a second growth and
will be quite spoiled.

Would it not be best for John
Eddie to stay with you in Stockton the
next year, and learn to work, and get
robust health, and become intimate with
mother earth. He must be quite an ex-
pense to Mary, when she can ill afford
it. I find it difficult to keep ahead
with money, so as to keep the farm
rightly moving. So I can not send any-
thing to help him. And if I should get
any ahead, my first duty absolute and
imperative, is to pay my debts. If you
thought best, I could have Eddie with
me. I would be very glad to have his
company. ~~After he~~ I have to be about
the house a great deal more than I used
with the house work and the milk I have
to take care of. I would like Eddie to learn
to work, for it is work and work alone
that makes us independent and free=

orable. I feel very grateful to Mary for what she has done for Eddie, and I do not doubt Eddie feels so too. And for what you have all done for him.

I am very glad to hear Cynthia is improving. I hope her improvement may continue. I had a letter from Elizabeth about a week ago, and wrote in answer the next day

Well dear mother, I must close. It is after four oclock, and I have got to catch my horse and go to the asylum, and get back in time to skim 14 pans of milk, and wash them and help milk. Good bye with love to all from your affectionate son

John R Everett

Osawatomie, June 7 1876.

Dear Mother

I have been waiting to you & father. I have just time to say that I am pretty well. I mourn for Frank all the time, and have to keep around with my work. Life seems to be a burden. I pray our Heavenly Father, that I may be enabled to learn a useful lesson from this heavy heavy trial. Your and Cynthia's letters, kind and sympathizing, rec'd last Friday, also one from Elizabeth and Mary Saturday. I do not have much time to write.

Your Son

Everett

Letter from Jno R Everett
Assawatomie
Kansas
to
Mrs E. Everett Remsen

[illegible] Oct. 5, 18[illegible].

Dear M[illegible]

I am getting along here in the usual way. My health has been rather poor since I wrote last, which is one reason I have not written oftener. I had a pretty sharp chill [illegible] a few mornings back, and I think I feel a little better since. [illegible] they [illegible] kill the [illegible] that caused chills and [illegible] [illegible].

I have [illegible] of [illegible] a good deal the past week. I have [illegible] afraid some of you would be sick after your long walking and carrying with dear [illegible]. And I have been anxiously looking for a few words from some of you. Then I reflected it was so near the first of the month, i[illegible]

was less strange that you did not write, than that I have not written. I know you must feel lonely without the sweet face and cheerful spirit of my dear sister. But for her I feel it is a gain. She has been many years afflicted and could not expect comfortable health. This is one way our Heavenly Father softens our bereavements. After so much pain and suffering, there is perfect rest. I shall never forget the perfectly ~~[illegible]~~ calm and satisfied and rested look into which Frank's face settled the moment he had breathed his last. "So he giveth his beloved sleep." I feel it now a great privilege that I could have seen her and breathed some of her sweet spirit when I was at home last. I think she could truly say with the Apostle Paul, "For me to live is Christ,

and to die is gain."

Dear Mother, I want very much to hear how you are. I hope there will be a letter when I go to the Post Office. I pray the Lord to sustain you as he has sustained you in many trials before.

When you write let me know how Jane Esther is, and Frank's little girl. I suppose you can not go out much, and can not have seen them. I wrote to Jane Esther about two weeks ago I think. Has Mary returned to New York? How is Anna?

I do not see how I can come out there, although I should like to very much. Perhaps the way will open in time. The grasshoppers are afflicting Kansas again in extensive parts. There are none here, or only a few scattering ones. They are twenty five miles South west of us. It is so late in the season, we hope to escape them.

I must close. Give a great deal of love to John Eddie. Has he seen his little niece? I wish he would write me about her, and about any thing that interests him. I have had no occasion to take any of Mary's little pellets. They came after my chills had left me. But I was very sensible of Mary's kindness in sending them. I am still taking Peruvian bark as a tonic.

Good bye with love to all

Your affectionate son

John H Everett

Dec. 12th

My dear Mother

I received your letter of Dec 5 last night. I was sorry to hear that Anna was so poorly. It is not strange that she is worn out by care and anxiety for Cynthia during her long sickness. Especially as her health has long been so uncertain. I shall be anxious to hear from her again. I hope she will try to keep up courage and hope. I am afraid so much sickness will tell hard on you. But you always think of the others before yourself. My health is better than it has been. I think the medicine Mary sent me has done me good. We are quite busy here, or I should write oftener. I believe I have neglected [illegible], and I hope she

will forgive me, but I do not seem to get much time to write. I am busy finishing my new coat [illegible] and we are gathering our corn. The weather is quite pleasant for the time of year. No snow, and the roads are dry.

I have been disappointed in getting money I thought I was sure of. I have been selling all my butter to the [illegible] [illegible]. They have always paid me down as fast as I delivered it. But they have been building [illegible] and have exhausted their means, and I can not get any more pay till the [illegible] part of March. I took 49 pounds here yesterday at 20cts a pound. But I had to take a due bill for it. I have my tax to pay now. I thought it barely possible as the money is now coming

keep in the use of any of the
... because you might want
Twenty dollars you would not want
till March. I would be sure
of it then. If I do not hear next
week then will be a [illegible]
between five and six dollars
extra. I am ashamed to ask
you for money, and I want you
to feel perfectly free to say so,
if it is not perfectly convenient
for you to share it. I ought
to be sending money to you.
I am hoping all the time I
shall be doing better, but
... [illegible] ... [illegible]
I do not know but it is necessary
in buying to manage
a farm, out doors and in,
alone. I am wintering 43 head
of cattle and 4 horses. What
more 5 cows [illegible] one nearly

day. I have a good many apples
to sell, probably 75 bushels. But
it is a little too early for my
varieties, and the market is limited.
They are selling now for one dollar
a bushel. Corn is about 25 or 26
cents.

I hope this will not cause you
any uneasiness. I shall get along
somehow. If I was a little better
manager I might have had
the money ahead, by selling
something. It is hard to borrow
money here, and I have no time to
run around. Love to all at home.
I am glad John Eddie has a good
standing in school, and is trying
to improve himself.

In haste your affectionate

Wm R Everett

[illegible] Jan. 29/77

Dear [illegible]

[illegible] you would [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] time [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] little, [illegible]
[illegible] quite [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] knowledge [illegible]
[illegible] will [illegible] to be [illegible] useful.
[illegible]
[illegible]

We have had a fine winter [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] but not much [illegible]

of grass, and water in variety of
water for cattle. There is an
unusual thickness of ice. I have
two very good boys with me this
winter & are going to school. [illegible]
is pretty near bad health. [illegible] by the
[illegible]
I have no time to write more. I am
well. I got a letter from Frank
and Elizabeth a few days ago. They
were well. Affectionately your
son [illegible] Everett

Cambridge April 26, 1877

Dear Mary,

I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Hillside [illegible]
[illegible], and [illegible] of the [illegible]
of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. So [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Will not the other
world seem more like home
than this, with so many friends
gone before! Last week I was
thinking [illegible] time of a day
[illegible], with [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] before me.
But there is One that knows the
own appointed time, and He
doeth all things well.

I am [illegible] in [illegible] health —

Your [illegible] [illegible]

Friday May 22 57.

Dear Mother

I am quite well. It's a good while since I got a line from you — before sister Elizabeth's death. I got a letter from Jane Esther a few days ago. She said you were all well. Has Fanny returned? How is Mary? And how is Anna? How many cows have you this summer? I am milking eight now. Have six calves — the last a day or two old. The weather is quite warm. Frequent showers

lately. I have over 40 acre of corn
up and looking very well, except
that the mice and moles and birds
have taken some of the seed, and
we will have to replant some.
We are now planting another p...
piece - will finish tomorrow, I guess,
and then will be nearly done planting.
Am churning every other day - about
12 lb to a churning - except Saturday I churn
one day's milk. With much love
dear mother, in haste your son Ivan.
Love to John, Eddie and to you all.

[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]

Dear Robbie

It is Saturday, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] will write you a [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and I cannot [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this week. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] been to the [illegible], and that you go to school in such [illegible] [illegible] the mornings. I wonder [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I was very glad to see that you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I see that you are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. My school keeps me very [illegible] [illegible] I have a good deal to do Saturdays. [illegible] and I have been churning. We have plenty [illegible] milk [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

house is quite comfortable, it was pretty cold for the first few weeks we were here, ... upper floor. But now we have ... upper floor in, and it is pretty warm. We have built a ... in a ... hill. ... place near the timber near the ...
d of the new cow yard. ... you have plenty of snow in ... and that you have some use for your ... that ... Aunty was so kind as to get for you. We had a little snow in December ... 5 or 6 weeks ago but the ground has been quite bare of snow for some time till yesterday night before last it rained some, and then turned to sleet and snow. So now there is a thin coat of ice and snow on the ground. Mr Hurst, that owned the mill at Indianapolis, has built a house on the piece of land Abraham Holaday owned, next to ours, and Frank and ... have gone up there now to get a "drop-leaf" table he has been making for us.

You remember William Tilcomb, Patrick Tilcomb's brother. He met with a dangerous accident about four weeks ago. There is now a bridge across the Tillamook just below the old place, about two miles from [illegible] with a stone pier in the middle of the creek. Patrick and William were floating logs to a new mill about half a mile below the bridge, and their raft struck the pier of the bridge and Patrick and William were both thrown into the water. Patrick was saved by the assistance of a man who happened to be on the shore, but William was drowned. [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] nearly eighty [illegible] let out school the next day and went to help find the body. There were a good many people there searching and the body was found very soon. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. He was buried on the hill, in the same burying place where lie the earthly remains of [illegible] little sister and brother. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] family

... [illegible] have from 28 to 32 scholars in school.

[illegible] today was very cold, and our school was [illegible] small. We only had twenty-one. I will [illegible] you some of the children that come that [illegible] know. James and Lizzie Poland and [illegible] [illegible], (the little lame girl,) seven from Taylor's; [illegible] [illegible] Flowcroft: [illegible] and Isabel Haynes Nathaniel [illegible] Maria & Susan Chambers, [illegible] from [illegible], Sarah and Eliza. About one third of [illegible] [illegible] are colored children.

[illegible] Robbie, write again [illegible] soon as you [illegible]. I am very glad indeed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] write so well. I will try to answer [illegible] next letter sooner. I get very tired every [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] like doing anything [illegible] hardly like sewing. Morning [illegible] [illegible] is all taken up from the time I [illegible] [illegible] school-time. I think my health is better than when I commenced school. Kiss Eddy [illegible] [illegible]. How much I would like to see you all!

Your [illegible]

[illegible] will try and write to you [illegible]. He [illegible] [illegible] your letter.

Osawatomie, Oct. 15, 1868.

Dear Robert,

I am very much obliged to whoever sent me those likenesses. Your likeness is very natural and everything about it very neat — your coat, and your collar, and your hair. I have wanted your likeness very much, but I was afraid of giving trouble by mentioning it. And I thank some one very much for sending the likeness of your Grandfather. I felt when I got them as if I must come out to see you all. But I am afraid I can not this fall. We have just finished gathering our apples. We had 16½ bushels of late fall and winter (mostly winter) apples and we have had all we wanted to use since August. We had over 70 bushels of peaches. The larger part of them I had dried on shares. So we are better off for fruit than we ever were

before. Our corn crop is poor this year. We have had some frost but not enough to entirely kill the potato vines. We depend almost entirely for late potatoes on the fall growth. We had about 65 bushels of wheat. We milk three cows. Have raised 2 calves this summer. They have commenced to lay the track on the railroad from Kansas City to Paola, and promise to have it done to Paola, (ten miles from here) by winter. We have a Grant Club in our school district, and have meetings every Monday evening. We have very good meetings. Last time the school house was full. There are Grant Clubs in every district around us and meetings in each every week. We get Democrats out as often as we can and get them to speak, but they are easily used up. It adds interest to our meetings to have arguments on the other side to answer. Do you have any Grant clubs? I guess you are not much of a politician. The boys get together and if the speaker is not very interesting, and it is moonlight they have a nice play outdoors. I would like to have you write me again, and I will try to answer soon.

Your brother [illegible]

Osawatomie July 3. 1869.

Dear Robert

Yours of June 15, I got a few days ago. I was glad to see that you are improving in your writing. Your last was written better than any letter I have had from you. You should not say "I was to school", but "at school." You went to school, but you was at school. Frank and Mr. Snow are going to a Sunday School celebration to day about 4 or 5 miles from here, but as the creek is not fordable, they will have to go by the bridge making it 8 miles. They have a great celebration to day in Kansas City over the completion of the great railroad bridge across the Missouri river. This is the first bridge I believe ever built across the Missouri, unless there is

one complete at Omaha in Nebraska. We have had a great deal of rain here this summer, and a good deal of cool weather. But the warm time has come now all at once. You inquire about the orchard. We have a few apples nearly full grown on our earliest tree (the Early Harvest) We will not have hardly any peaches: the buds were killed last winter by the extreme cold. We will have some grapes and plenty of plums. Our pear trees have not got to bearing yet. We have one sound apple yet of last years growth. It was from a young tree that had just come into bearing, called the "Limber-Twig." This year the tree will have as much as a peck on it. Frank does the cooking. It is not easy to get a hired girl. I believe I have answered your questions.

Your father
John R. Everett

Osawatomie, Nov. 16 1864,

Dear Robbie,

I believe you have written me twice since I wrote to you. I am always very glad to get your letters. I believe I would like to have you come out here if your grandfather and grand-mother think best, and ~~[illegible]~~ find a good opportunity. But you must wait patiently, and try to help them all you can, till there is some good chance. Have you had a pleasant fall? It has been quite pleasant with us. Last night was a rainy night, and a somewhat little snow this morning but it has all melted off. We are wintering eleven head of cattle, besides five calves. Tell Eddie to write me next time. Frank and I are quite well.

Your affectionate father
John R Everett.

Osawatomie, April 14, 1879.

Dear Sister Sarah

The family in the old house must be pretty small now. And as I can not make one in your circle, I will write you a few lines. I would like to be with you and have a good talk, but that cannot be. We have had delightful weather, nearly all through March, and so far this month. I think I like the climate here much better than in snowy Steuben, Although we had one dose of Steuben here this winter, five or six weeks of snow enough to make good sleighing - some times drifting every day, as it used to do in Steuben. There is some prospect of a railroad being built this

... love ... Addie at home? I am glad he is going to work on the farm this summer. I suppose Jennie is still in New York. I wrote to her a few days ago. I hope your ... is better, and I hope that William's asthma is not very troublesome. How I would like to see you, and to see my dear Frank's little girl!

Your brother
Calvin

summer through Osawatomie.
This township has voted aid to the extent of $115.000: - that is, taken stock in the road to that amount. Tomorrow there is an election in the adjoining county west, to vote on the question of giving bonds to help build the road, which will probably determine the question whether the road will be built.

The assessor has just been around. My assessment is between 26 & 2700 dollars. Last year my tax was $61.60 - half payable in December & half in June. Our taxes in this school district last year were .0245 pr. ct. (2 & 4/10 mills per cent). Of this 6 1/2 mills was school tax. We have generally good school houses in Kansas. The people of Kansas are proud of their schools, and are generally willing to tax themselves heavily to support them. Frequently the

the first or one of
schoolhouse ^ the first good house
built in the district. The schools are
free. There can not be any rate bill
unless a tax of one per cent on all the
property in the district has first been
levied, and that proves insufficient.
I made last year for sale 1605
lbs of butter. It brought me on an average
about 14 cents^a pound. In the summer for about
two months I only got 8cts Last week
I sold 50 lbs for 20cts That was the
highest price.

My potatoes are beginning to peep
through the ground. My pie plant will
be ready to use in a week.

My health is tolerably good.
But I find myself losing strength to
work. I have been reading lately (besides
the Bible, mostly the Psalms) the N.Y.
Semi-Weekly Tribune, the Kansas City Tri-
Weekly Journal & Lockyer's Astronomy
and Burritt's Geography of the Heavens

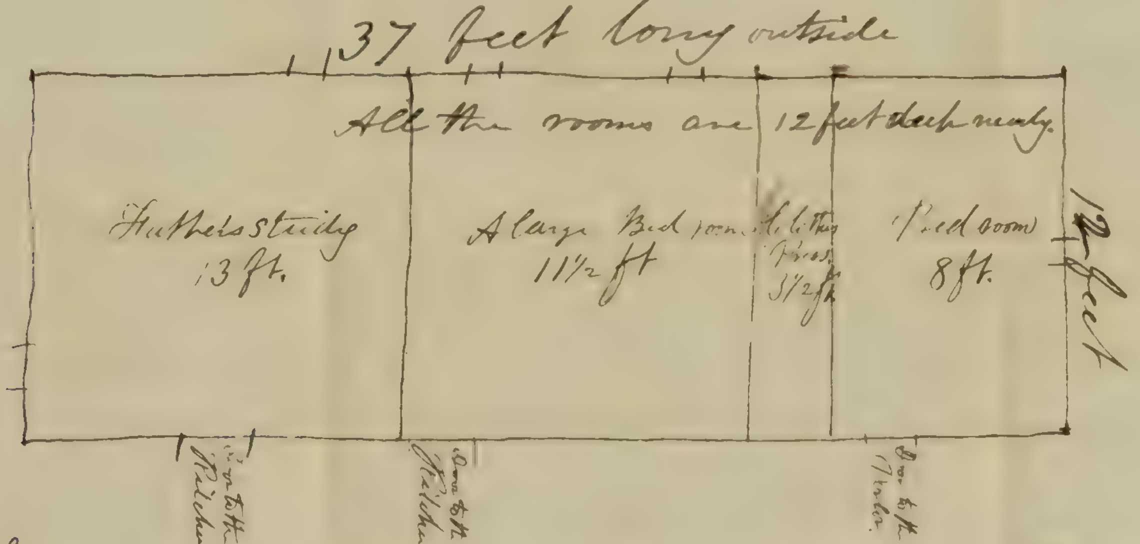
I fear the Atlas of Burritt. ~~It~~ has been lost. It is interesting to note the changes in the *fixed* stars since Burritt wrote (about 1832.) Burritt describes (in Gemini, the twins) Castor as a star of the first magnitude, and Pollux, as a star of the second magnitude. Now Pollux is the brightest. This is not a mistake, for Mr. Burritt speaks of these as variable stars. Then in the head of Cetus (the Whale) (Mr. Burritt speaks of a remarkable pentagon of stars. The principal star (Menkar) is easily traced, but I could not find the pentagon. I wonder if John Eddie knows the price of Steele's Fourteen Weeks in Astronomy. ~~It~~ A great blot on one's happiness here is that there are no bookstores. (see top of [illegible])

The only way you can find out any thing about books is by the reviews in newspapers. That is a very great drawback. Occasionally a book agent comes around. But the chance is very small that he has the book one wants. I must close with love to all. Is John Eddie at home? I

Steuben April 19, 1852.

Dear Sisters

It is now just three weeks since we have heard from you. We should feel uneasy if we did not know that it is very near your examination week, and you must consequently be very busy. We have also been pretty busy at home. We are pre=paring to build an addition to the West end of the house. It is to be the whole length of the house and 12 feet wide. Let me give you a rough sketch of a plan of it.



There you have it with the windows marked and all. We are going to make a cellar under it, so that our cellar will be quite enlarged. We talk of taking the closet down that is in the Parlor. We hope to have it finished early in June. Wm H Jones I guess will do the Carpenter's work, and Thomas J Thomas the mason work. We want to try to get it done before Sarah comes home.

Lewis and Margaret returned from buying their goods in New York last ~~Friday~~ Thursday night. They have got a very pretty assortment of goods. — Saturday I was moving the fence for my new orchard. Have I told you where it is going to be? If I have I will tell you again,

for it occupies a good deal of my thoughts now. It is to be West of the Barn taking a part of three meadows and a corner of the pasture. There will be eight rows running East and West, and nineteen trees in a row. I intend to have a first rate orchard, with a large variety of the finest fruit (after the trees have had time to grow) I expect to go next week to Clinton to get the trees. — How backward the spring is! Last week Tuesday and Wednesday I was drawing stone on a sled from Thomas Thomas' place, up the "New Road". Happily by about 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon we got our stones all drawn. At half past four it began to rain, and rained all Wednesday night and all day Thursday. The snow moved off as the night recedes at the approach of the sun. It was very fortunate that we got our stones drawn before the snow went off as it will enable us to get our building done, I think, at least a month earlier. This is one advantage to us from a tardy spring. To-day for the first time this spring I saw some robins, notwithstanding although I had heard their notes over a week ago, and saw them in Clinton nearly three weeks ago. Saturday I saw the first signs of green grass in our meadows. The snow has kept the earth so nicely from the frost, that the grass will start with the slightest encouragement. We expect when spring does come in earnest, it will come very fast.

You are so busy now I suppose you will be glad not to have a long letter to read. (The truth is I feel very dull this evening.)

Your brother
John

P.S. What are you going to [illegible] this vacation?
I am sorry the distance home is so great, and the expense of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] given [illegible] the thoughts [illegible] coming [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] health is not [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] so [illegible] [illegible] Miss Colegrove says the seminary is a very bad place to rest in vacation — that it is [illegible] [illegible] bad as term time. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a place [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] stay [illegible] [illegible] not you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] your health for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] selves [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] John.

Dear Sisters Steuben, May 28, 1852.

I am going to write you a very short letter in answer to yours. We have had a very busy time here these last few days with our new building. The cellar was completed yesterday. The frame will be put up in the beginning of the week. We have had nine men at work here part of the time this week, — masons, carpenters, &c., besides our regular family. There are now two carpenters at work here, and a laborer whom we have hired for a month. My orchard is getting along pretty well, allowing for the unfavorable weather. The weather has been quite unfavorable for newly-planted trees, since they were planted. Some of them have leaved out nicely, others are just struggling into life, and some show no signs of life. I think I shall lose some trees. But I can "try again." Some of my trees have blossomed. I do not mean to let them perfect any fruit this year. I shall break off either the blossoms or the young fruit for the purpose of favoring the growth of the trees. The trees in the old orchard have some blossom buds on them. I think (~~we I mean~~) shall have some fruit from them this year. The currant bushes hang gloriously full of blossoms. They evidently mean to make a show and create a decided sensation this summer. Our gardening is not very forward this summer. We have hardly touched the garden proper. I do not mean to have much of a garden of it. It is not good soil for a garden. To-morrow (if it does not rain — we need rain) I am going to plant it with beans and perhaps potatoes. I have sowed down in the lot in my orchard some beet, carrot, squash, onion, pea seeds; beside,

planting some sweet corn, pumpkin and apple seed. (I do not expect these apple seeds to perfect any fruit this year.) So you see if we do not make much show in the garden outside of the currant bushes, we shall be much better off for summer vegetables than if we were, say in the Desert of Sahara.

Miss Colegrove is with us yet. I hope she will stay with us sometime, but I am afraid she will not. I enjoy her company very much. We had some exceedingly pleasant rides together before mother came home. Since then Miss Co. has not been as willing to ride with me. I believe mother got scared because the boys were pretty noisy once when we went out together. I think mother allows the boys to influence her feelings too much. I am afraid mother has been talking this over with Sarah, as she was with me, and wounded her delicacy. Don't you think mother too sensitive and particular? I shall feel bad enough when Miss Colegrove leaves. I think she has not concluded when she will leave. She told me lately, (when I was urging her to stay here) that she did not know as she was any nearer going away now than when she first came here. At other times she talks as if she were going very soon. She has promised to study Milton with me. I wish you had been able to give me a little better idea of your lessons. We intended to follow the same plan, and take the same lessons. I am going to borrow Lewis's Milton. Miss Co.'s health seems better than it has been since she has been here.

We had a letter from sister Sarah last night. She is continuing to improve. She had been out twice. She seemed to have a keen and fresh relish for the wonderful beauty of nature.

You ask me about the trees blossoming. The plum and cherry trees have blossomed, and the most forward of the apple trees

have just begun to unfold their delicate petals. Day before yesterday I picked a beautiful apple blossom (the first I had seen) for Miss Colegrove. It ~~was~~ consisted of a ~~beautiful~~ central flower, fully blown, surrounded by five pink white buds swollen to their utmost capacity but still perfectly round. I thought it quite a pretty thing. Can you imagine what Sarah told me the sentiment of the apple blossom was? "Alas that falsehood should have such a goodly outside!" What an abominable sentiment for so beautiful a blossom, and how malapropos! I felt really vexed but I assured her that I had no idea what sentiment fools had attached to the apple blossom, and that whoever invented such a sentiment was a traitor to humanity, flowers, and orchards. For my part I felt free to treat ~~such a~~ the sentiment not only with inward scorn and loathing, but with outward contumely and open contempt.

I never saw any orchard fuller of fruit buds than Mary H.'s orchard except. If we do not have any frosts now, this will be a great year for apples.

I must close with the warmest love of

Your brother

John

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] thinking [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] – it is [illegible]

the [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] believed [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there,

[illegible] [illegible] picture [illegible] bright, and [illegible] my fancy painted it, but [illegible]

[illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~

[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], little Henry [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

away from [illegible] – His flesh & strength are wasting away ~~[illegible]~~ a

constant [illegible] – he is very quiet and sleeps the most of the

time and [illegible] [illegible] very little. [illegible] three days [illegible]

last night, [illegible] [illegible] up all the [illegible] he took

Since last [illegible] we have been feeding him [illegible]

broth, and that he keeps down, [illegible] we only give him [illegible]

a half a [illegible] [illegible] 1 and a half at a time

We will write so as to send in a week after this [illegible]

(we cannot send oftener) and let you know how he is, 'Tis

Thursday now this cannot go till Monday so we will

put in something more before then

Your Sister as Ever

[illegible]

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

apl 14 1860.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive Post Office Warrant payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by an early mail, and cause the warrant to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Treasurer of the United States.

J. R. Everett

July 1862
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Dear Sister [the neighbors and ourselves want it for seed — enough for our use this year as several of]

I enclose in this two dollars.
If you can find any rennets, will you please buy what this will buy and pay the postage on and send them immediately. I would rather pay for them than not. We are almost plum out (as they say here.) We are making 16 or 17 lbs a day. I was over in town yesterday and sold over 100 pounds. I wish you could come out and see us and our cheeses, especially the latter. We feel more hopeful and lighthearted than any time since we have been here. We are all well, for which may we be duly grateful. We have not sold much cheese for money, but we get things we need and that are worth money. Thus today I have bought a farm wagon, (second hand) for which I pay partly in store pay & partly for my breaking in the same way. So with our hired help. Last week I bought a bedstead, with store pay, the first we have had in Kansas. [illegible] have used very rough homemade contrivances, but last week one went tumbling out doors, and some time next summer the other one shall follow it. We could sell more cheese for money at a little [illegible] price. In the case we are expecting it will be a little [illegible]

[illegible] In haste your brother John

July 23. 1859

John had writ en to you on the other side and had just got ready to take it to town and see if there was any mail for us, when one of the neighbors brought us mother's letter with the rest of that rennet. The way we manage our cheese making is somewhat laborious for want of conveniences at night we strain the milk into our stove boiler what it will hold and set it in a washtub of cold water to cool so that it will not sour, the rest we strain into a ~~stone~~ wash-tub which we use for a cheesetub and place a tin pail full of well water in the tub, In the morning we lift the boiler on the stove and warm the milk and turn it into the cheesetub, and put the mornings milk with it. I have 2 or 3 pailfuls in the boiler ~~that will~~ more than the tub will hold I raise it all to a temperature of 86° and put in the rennet so as to bring the ~~cheese~~ curd in one hour, I then dip the curd with a dipper into a basket with a strainer placed in and whey the curd off in that way, I then have to work it fine with my fingers back again into the boiler to scald them return it again to the basket which is this time placed over the cheese tub to catch the "white-whey" separately When the whey has sufficiently drained the salt is mixed in and the curd transfered to the hoop I then scald the white whey and set it to make butter to grease the cheese with. John has got a good hired hand who interests himself in John's affairs the same as if it were his own no better help can be found any where, as for hired girls they are hard to come at and of little account when found I had a girl 2 weeks early in June but she lived 7 miles away and had to go home once a week so the 2nd time I let her stay there Since then I have hired three weeks washing done and now since day before yesterday there has been an old woman here helping me. She is excellent help but very disagreeable

She and her family fight so at home that they cannot live together, so she came here & wanted to hire out I was pretty well tired out and was glad to get her a few days when I expect she will return and quarrel on again as long as she can stand it and then put out again some where else; We shall not thrash wheat

We have had for three weeks the hottest weather I ever knew [illegible] the [illegible] frosts cut off all our peaches [illegible] visit [illegible] did not

Osawatomie May 30th

Dear Father, and all at home,

I feel impelled to write a few lines this morning to acknowledge the receipt of yours of May 8th which came to hand a little over a week ago. I had written about the same date as yours, which I hope you received safely. The money inclosed was received but I was sorry to see it, for I ought to send you a great deal more than that for the children. I am glad you exchanged the 7-30 bonds as you did, for that was evidently the best course. I was very glad to read the extract from Bro Butler's letter which Cynthia was so kind as to copy. I would like to have been with him to see the famous places he mentions.

My school will be out next week. On the whole I have enjoyed teaching, & it has been a profitable investment, I do not

[illegible] pecuniarily for me, and I trust I have done some kind of justice to the [illegible]. I would like the [illegible] to tell me [illegible] grammar is commonly used in schools they are familiar with. Pinneo's is commonly used here and is recommended by the State [illegible]intendent.

Frank and I are both well. It is very wet weather and very muddy. Millions of grasshoppers have hatched out in Kansas this spring. They have done very little harm as yet. Most think they will fly off as soon as they get wings. The spring is very backward. Wild fruit, gooseberries and [illegible]berries promise to be abundant. [illegible] have a school there yet? Does Robbie read pretty well? What Reader does he read in? I was glad to see him improve in writing. I am glad Eddy has not forgotten he is "papa's" boy. I almost wish he [illegible] [illegible], as they would send him to Kansas. [illegible] [illegible], and I must close with [illegible]

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Monson, Feb 26, 1875

Dear Brother & Sister

Yours of yesterday is just received. I presume you have learned from the telegram that our dear father has gone home. Yesterday at half past eleven, his spirit left us. He suffered, I think, to the last, but seemed to die without special struggle. His voice was feeble, and the only thing I distinctly heard him say, since I have been home, was "I am very happy." The last day he said, — "I want to go home."

He is gone, but how precious the memories he has left behind! I have no recollections of father unconnected with his earnest persistent desire to do

his duty. The work God gave him to do, — that he was intent on doing, in season and out of season.

To me his life will always be full of fragrant memories, and of inspiration, and of warning from evil. Our hearts are bereaved and sore, but it is a consolation to me and all of us to know from our intimate acquaintance with his daily life, that from his vigorous and active early ~~early~~ manhood to his venerable advanced age, he tried with what humility we all know, and trusting in his Savior, to do the work God set for him to do. It is a joy to remember how early, and without at all counting the cost, at the risk of popularity and of earthly prosperity he pleaded for temperance, and for the poor slave who then had none to help him. But he has gone home!

The tired laborer is at rest.
The servant has gone to his Master.
Be it ours to lay to our hearts
the lesson of his life. "Be not weary
in well doing." "To them who by
patient continuance in well-doing
seek for glory and honor and
immortality, eternal life."

The funeral is to be next Monday
at 12 o'clock. Mother stands it very
well, trying especially for the sake of
the rest to appear as cheerful as pos-
sible. Dear mother! The rest are
in usual health. Cynthia not quite
as well. Aunt Betsey Hughes has
been here since before I came.
I will try to spend a few hours with
you when I return. Love from
all of us. Kiss Lizzie's dear little
baby for me

Your brother

John R. Everett.

Osawatomie July 3 1874

Dear Sister

I do not know anything about the Lease you speak of. ~~It~~ You know father (when I was at home) spoke very little of his affairs, except to mother. I presume neither father nor mother knew of any claim against the land, that had not been satisfied. It seems Mr. Price was not aware that the land had been sold. ~~Was~~ By whom was the Lease given? Was it the same person who afterwards sold the land? I think it would be well to get an abstract of title from the County Recorder. And then if possible to see the lease, and compare the two. Was Price aware of this lease before Bro Robert's death? How does he know

father paid the rent once to Mary Roberts. If father acknowledged the justice of the claim by paying once, he either settled the claim or he continued paying rent yearly. Did David Roberts leave a will? Can it be proved that father has not had undisturbed possession for at least 21 years?

I presume you can get better advice there than I can give. The claim is not a large one, but it may be very annoying for all that.

I am very glad to hear such good news from John Eddie. There is no better safeguard for a young man than the fear of God, and the love of God. I would be exceedingly glad to be able to make you a visit. But I do not see any way to do it now. I am tied to my stock and my daily round of labor. If I find any

opportunity to leave, I think it would do me a great deal of good to rest for a little while.

My health is pretty good, but my strength is failing somewhat. I have a little too much to do for my present state of health.

Our main crop, the corn crop, is very promising this summer. I must close now, for lack of time to write more, with love to all from your affectionate brother

[illegible]

Osawatomie Sept. 10, 1880.

Dear Sisters

I am very sorry I have but a few minutes to write. I am just starting to the Asylum with butter, and I must try to get back by milking time. I am very, very much obliged for the Testament. I have wanted that edition for a long time. My health is much better than when I last wrote. I have taken all the Lactopeptine — the last yesterday morning. It certainly helped me. I have been gaining strength ever since I began taking. I could feel its good effect in my stomach. The few first doses made me feel as if something was healing up in my stomach. I slept better. I would like to try some more.

If you will send some, I will pay the expense whatever it may be. I got well of my cold before the Kilo Carbonicum came to hand. Please let me know if 3 pellets is the right dose. I have been taking to day Bryonia & Kil C. interchangably every hour or two. I can not be perfectly regular unless I feel the need of something very much. I would be very much obliged if you can send the Lactopeptine soon. It seemed to act directly on the digestive apparatus, and the effect was immediate, as if a reinforcement had just arrived. If I thought it was merely a stimulant I would not want it so much. I suppose then Eddie is back in school now. The best thing he can do now is to improve his present opportunity. He can not get too much useful knowledge and mental improvement. With love your br. John

C[illegible] Dec. 10 [illegible]

Dear Sister,

I received a letter from Mary the last week in which you [illegible] about the [illegible]. I was very glad to hear from you both, I must either make this letter very short, or not write at all. We had a very heavy wind Dec 4 (Friday), it blew down hay stacks for me, and some of the hay was blown away entirely, and blew off corn leaves from stalk pasture, (this is where cattle are pastured on corn stalks standing uncut in the field after the corn has been gathered); further than ~~that~~ such losses, it did not damage the neighborhood.

I will answer your questions (both) now about my eyes. I have no pain in my right eye. I think there is no difference

in appearance, only that the left eye looks a little moister than the other. It was last winter & a little later than this, on a very cold day as I was riding to Town, my cap well drawn down so as accidently to cover my left eye, I found I could not recognize those I met. I do not know that I strained it in any way. I seem to be getting short-sighted. I have trouble in seeing at a distance out of doors. My general health is better than common for the season of the year. It has been snow cold for a few days. The. this morning ... at zero. I am glad you will have the pleasure of having John Eddie with you so soon. My neighbor is ready to go with this letter &c.

With much love to you all & hoping to be able to write more soon and hardly daring to ask you to answer so poor an epistle

Your brother John W. E.

Osawatomie Nov. 12, 1887.

Dear Sister,

I was very glad to get your letter of the 10th to day. I was hungry for a letter. I was sorry to hear that your health had not been good. Hope you are feeling better now. How soon are you coming back? I do not know whether Mr. Mann will get away next week. We are getting along pretty well. John Shafer started to Holden, Missouri, yesterday. He expects to return ~~to~~ ~~morrow~~ Monday. I would like a half dozen nest eggs. if you can get them for a quarter. Your second letter, with Frankie's was received. I must hurry home, and so must close. Love to brother Edward's folks.

Your bro. John.

Osawatomie, Nov 15, 1857.

My dear Sister

Your two letters (with the enclosures) came together yesterday. I was very glad to get them. I do not know of but one train that you could come on. That gets in I think at half past six. The Ottawa train comes in about the same time. I have just heard of a chance to send a letter. I have no time to write. I have not got a stove yet. Please let me know when or about when to expect you. How many plates have you there [?]

I am as well as usual. In great haste, your aff. brother

John R Everett

I sent a letter yesterday.

Osawatomie, Nov. 28, 1887.

My dear Sisters

Your letter of this date is received, also dear Frankie's letter. I have been to Paola. John Shafer wanted to go, so I thought I would go too, and bring back some bran. I did not suit myself with a stove. It has been a cold ride, but milder than yesterday. I bought a pair of mittens the other day red cloth faced with oil tanned leather for 75 cts. The cap will be very acceptable. I thought of getting one to day, but did not take time. I can wait till you come, as I have an old warm one. My size for pants is 34 x 30. For coat, 38 I think. I will try to keep track of the mail. It will not be possible to come down every day. If I should by any possibility miss of being here when you come, there are two liveries in Osawatomie, if it

I shall get word and meet you.
Please not forget the nest eggs. I had
three eggs freeze in the nests yesterday.
This is a very cold snap for November.
I must close with love from your

Affectionate brother John.

I have got to go to the Asylum Wednesday ~~Perhaps again~~ I will be down again or send Friday. If you should come Friday, I will be here to meet you, unless it is too cold to look for you. If I do not see you I will perhaps have a letter. Or I could come Thursday or Saturday if I knew.

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[illegible]

[illegible] Mary

[illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible] She [illegible] when we shall [illegible]
We have but one [illegible] [illegible] Mary is [illegible] home with the [illegible] and I have only the [illegible] [illegible] yesterday [illegible] [illegible]

Osawatomie Ks. Mch 27/88

Dearest Sister;

I wonder how you are after the severe Storm, we are waiting, not very patiently, for the letters which are probably waiting for us at the Post Office. No one has been down since Thursday last, & today is Tuesday. We have had quite a rain Storm. Friday night we had some thunder Showers, not severe, but enough to make me think of you. Saturday it poured during the forenoon & lightened up some in the afternoon. It seemed most like a Storm here than any we have had. Sunday & yesterday it was lowery & is today too. Froze hard last night, so that they were able to turn the cows out this morning to eat some corn

fodder, which would have been utilized long ago, had not the ground been too wet to let them on it. This has been, so far, a wet spring. We have 12 little chickens! from 13 eggs. That hen did not fool us after all! Every early morning John would take the cover off the barrel & let her off to get something to eat, & then she would go back to the nest of her first choice! then he would go & take her up & put her in the barrel & cover it. One day, when the time was half up, he forgot her till the middle of the afternoon! & the eggs were uncovered all that time except that two of the other hens spied the nest, & laid there, thus warming the eggs some. John thought surely the chicks if there were any would be

chilled to death, but it seems they were not, It was not a very cold day, & the horse-manure helped keep them warm. Now the question arises, what shall we do with them? John proposes that we knit stockings for them & let them run, but, I have begun to make a run for them of an old trunk which we found in the corn crib. One end is knocked out except a strip at the top & I have some pieces of lath to make a corn think we will lay the barrel on its side & put together the open ends of barrel & trunk, filling up the corners with strips of lath. Then Jennie has some Kansas Soil, which was left from that she sent home, This we will put on the bottom of the trunk & there is their run. What do you think of it? Will report our luck in due time.

Osawatomie, Sept. 7, 1888.

Dear sisters

I am quite ashamed that I can get no time to write. I am quite busy, but get along quite as well as I could hope. We did not get that rainy week you wrote of. It rained from Saturday about noon till Sunday night, then cloudy every day till Friday. We got our hay up pretty well. No rain now. Working on millet in front of the house. All cut and partly cured. I am pretty well. Eper=man's cough is better. Written at P.O. by an insufficient light. Your brother John

Have rec'd two letters. Am hungry for another

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Osawatomie, Sept. 10. 1888.

My dear sisters

I have not been well to day and yesterday. Friday afternoon I went to town to do some trading and for the mail. I got to milking very late. I had to lie down and take a little rest, and a little sleep. I lay down by the haystack. and took a little cold Saturday morning I was hoarse and had a sore throat. Saturday afternoon I had to churn, and although one of my hands did the churning I did not feel in usual vigor and was very late about the milking Last night German and another hand that is helping in the [illegible] did the milking. This morning the same. I have no pain, and no appetite

I have taken Bryonia three times to-day, and it seems to have been some advantage. I want to sleep all the time. I ~~have~~ am sending to town for a can of oysters. I have eaten nothing yesterday or to day. I hope it is nothing very serious. Do not shorten your visit. I have written exactly how I am. If I get worse be sure I will write. I have but little Bry. I have four hands working to-day – one cutting corn, Henson Shafer – and three in the hay. I can not send to the mail often. I hope you are gaining strength. Love to all.

Your brother John

Osawatomie, Sept. 14, 1888.

Dear Mary

Yours of 13th received last evening. Took it home without opening as it was getting late. Was mortified to learn that it had started you right back, without waiting for a second letter. I am getting along nicely. I ought not to have written at all. You need to rest, and if you are resting stay a little longer. I sent a telegram this morning 10 a.m. The boys are using every exertion to get the hay hauled to the ~~stck~~ stack in good condition. The yeald is heavy. It seems to do me good to ride. It tires me, but I get rested after it.

I wrote Wednesday. It must take

longer for letters to go from here than it used. German is well. My sick hogs come out of the shed, and eat a little in the yard with the others, and are less lame. We are having beautiful fall weather. I hope you and Jennie will try and get all the good out of your visit you can.

With love your brother John.

Dear Sister;

I have been busy this A.M. getting John's things in nice trim for him to go to the funeral and I think he looks quite neat and tidy. The sun is coming out and they will have a pleasant. I should have liked to attend the "June Meeting" at Quaker church, but the funeral put that out of the question. Jennie has written this morning to J. E. & cousin Robt. — You will soon have our boy at home with you! Will not that

be nice? We had no letter from you last night. Perhaps there is one today. so if they are there at the right time they may get it. We are anxious to hear from you. Mary has left this to put the finishing touch to John's preparation. He took a bath and changed when he first dressed this morning - so he ought to feel prime. It is 12-25 by our clock which is always fast they are just ready. The funeral is appointed at 1. They have had dinner - Emma went without - as the friends prepare dinner in the grove by the church and the young people like to go there. Mrs. Everett goin in love

Dear Sisters:

John E. says I can find a good [illegible] in his letter; I wish we could all [illegible] [illegible] dinner together, we expect to have a goose tomorrow Miss B. [illegible] to [illegible] the Morning [illegible] of [illegible]. I have another [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]. a friend of Mrs. Rice's, & more than [illegible] of Mrs. Rice, have just received a card [illegible] the Marriage of Dr. Blumenthal the bride was a Miss Sullivan I am really glad & hope the union may be a [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] is [illegible] a [illegible] feeder for [illegible] [illegible] woman this [illegible] I don't know but

Miss B. will have her home
for a time till she sees what
she will need it, or if she
likes, I will buy it of her,
then I trust she can keep
the flower rooms. Miss B. has
taken a room [illegible] down.
[illegible], on. 33rd St.
[illegible] [illegible] Lee Avenue & I hope
she will be comfortable.
She will have the sleeping
room in the parlor out of
which her room opens.
[illegible] is a [illegible] room [illegible] dark,
but the parlor is light & her
room large. [illegible]
[illegible] the parlor.
Thank Sarah for the
offer of her [illegible].
If I think I can [illegible]
[illegible] I must advise it
I once [illegible]
no letter for [illegible]

Much love
[illegible]

Osawatomie [illegible] 1891.

My dear [illegible]

We receive Mary's card yesterday. You are going to make a sudden move if you [illegible] this month [illegible] September [illegible]. We will be very glad to see you. We are all well. It has been [illegible] in some places [illegible] smaller [illegible] Mary left [illegible] about. Our crops [illegible] looking very [illegible].

My eyesight continues to fail. What do think of the Autumn Expedition? [illegible] Have says it is the greatest [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the have known of [illegible] I will not [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible] the 25 [illegible] some honest dealer I think.

[illegible] kind [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Our dairy is doing well this summer.
We are having a poor time for haying.
Weather too unceratain. Hay crop good. There are
having plenty of blackberries in the
orchard and near the road. The Philistines are
too many for us in the pasture.
We have been [illegible]. We have [illegible]
hogs are milking now 28 cows.

Lucy is 11 years old today. Eliza has
been suffering with a bad tooth and
badly swollen face. The doctor was here to
see her once. She is [illegible] around
[illegible] her face [illegible]

I saw Mr. Taylor yesterday. He will
wait till January [illegible]
from home by [illegible]
I hope you can [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] bro

Chicago Oct 23 [illegible]

Dear Sister

Yours received. It is [illegible]
difficult to [illegible] with the talk [illegible]
[illegible] not like
He seems to be quite [illegible]
with the progress of the [illegible] [illegible]
It was healing fast.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
to her [illegible] few days. She [illegible]
doctor [illegible] In a [illegible] He
does not like to be questioned [illegible]
only [illegible] long enough [illegible] before [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
man I am very [illegible]
[illegible] not [illegible] [illegible]

It is hard for Father to write, so I will add a word. He is getting so that he can look under his bandage a little, and see about, though the doctor has not yet given him permission. The eye looks pretty natural, it seems to me. It is healing nicely. There is no matter. Probably it is healing by "first intention," whatever that may be; anyway, it seems to have the intention of healing without making much fuss about it. When the doctor will allow it we will go to Cousin Mary Ann's to convalesce, making visits here or to the doctor's office as may be necessary for the eye to be dressed. I sincerely hope we may be able to go to Hillsdale & Ypsilanti before going back. Very likely Father will feel like going back with me. I wish very much to see Lizzie and the children, if Claire, 17 years old, when this reaches you probably, will allow us to call her a child. I can hardly realize she is so far along — seventeen seems very old for Claire. My love to her and Anna & to their mother and all. — We expect Uncle Mager Garrett to pass thro' Chicago next Wednesday. — [illegible] has a little cold & wishes to know what to take for it. We have found a homeopathic pharmacy in Chicago.

J. E. [illegible]

189[illegible]

Osawatomie Nov 18

My dear sisters I have received a
letter from you since coming home. I
was very glad to get home again
am not able to read any even the
largest printed letters. I do not understand
quite how I can see at all without
a lens in the eye. It is more
than I expected. I can see pretty
well to get around. well enough at
least not to need leading about. That
is a great comfort. There seems to be
more sunshine here than in Chicago.
It rained Sunday, and has been very
cold now for two days. I got a letter from
Thomas Ellie last evening. He is pretty [illegible]
folks were glad to welcome him back home.
Love from your brother [illegible]

Chicago Nov. 1. 18[illegible]

My dear sister. We intend starting home [illegible] the tomorrow evening. Yesterday Dr. Holmes worked at my ears. He took out a great deal of wax from my deafest ear a piece as large as two peas at once; and I don't know how much more. I can hear a good deal with that ear now. The other one he will finish tomorrow — he did not get at it yesterday. My hearing has improved. He thinks I will have to wait 2 months for [illegible] — or until the [illegible] ceases to [illegible] the [illegible] eyes. I go around with a shade on. My health is good but I feel the confinement. I shall be very glad to get home — and have country air & exercise. The doctor says it will do to do some work. I have had great [illegible] conversations [illegible]. I have [illegible] better here than at Hospital here [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] here. Love to all from your brother [illegible]

Osawatomie Dec 11 1891

My dear sister. — Yours was receiv'd
Wednesday. We are all well. My eye is
gaining strength. We had snow or sleet
last Sunday or Saturday night, which
painted the world a brilliant white, and
quite trying to the eye. The snow is all
gone now. Tomorrow will be eight weeks
since the operation. How much longer
I will have to wait. I do not know
the time seems long. But there are many
that never see or can hope to see. How is it
I can see at all
Do other parts
of the eye act perfectly or tender. I am
afraid I cannot come east even as far as
Chicago to be fitted for glasses. The hotels &
winter lodging here are small. It takes
so much to pay expenses. I feel exceedingly
thankful I can see so well. I can set

around everywhere without help which is a
great deal indeed. You cannot think how
singular the moon looks. I can not see
its outline at all. It looks like a great
bonfire up in the sky. I can see a few
first magnitude stars — Jupiter Capella Vega
Sirius. Betelgeuse Aldebaran, &c They do not have
their right shape but look like [illegible] I
can see the milky way which is [illegible]
[illegible] bright nebulae off to the right of Cap
Capella. But no [illegible] magnitude smaller stars
I learned the 37th Psalm in Chicago.
Since coming home the 103rd. Repeating these
and other noble thoughts in the silent
wakeful hours. "Thou givest me songs
in the night." I find Gray's Elegy a very
noble poem — like the finest polished
marble. They are words worthy of being
learned suggestive quickening of the imagina-
tion The longer you linger on them the more

they give you. I have repeated them
to myself many times [illegible] [illegible]
living. If you can get hold of [illegible]
[illegible] studies in English Literature you
will find it a valuable [illegible]
About my hearing I can only say I [illegible]
better. John Eddie wrote to me on the
25th [illegible] [illegible], thought
he would stay there a week or two to
try to get what was due him, and
[illegible]. He then thought of making us a
visit at home. I am hoping to hear of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I am afraid
[illegible] [illegible] imperfect
this will.
That maple sugar was very nice. [illegible]
it made in Michigan. I would like
to come to see you, but am afraid it
will not be permitted.
With love to all your brother
Good bye [illegible]
[illegible]

Chicago, Jan 28 [illegible]

My dear sister,

It will grieve you as well as me to say that I think it not best to come to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] several 400 miles to travel, which I do not feel able in this uncertain winter weather to undertake unless under very stringent necessity. I had a very cold ride Friday night on the cars. The depot man in Kansas City was about as [illegible] and surly in manner [illegible] as a hog and [illegible] [illegible] me, with no point in his [illegible]. He was the only disagreeable person I met. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] through as I could [illegible]. But by the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] got here before it. I can say [illegible] [illegible] only that it is in my mind [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] there will be another opening. I can read this. If you care it is all right. [illegible] [illegible] from your brother [illegible] [illegible] R. C. [illegible] I hope to start back tomorrow night.

I had an enjoyable time yesterday
Three services in different churches (alone) I would
like to tell you about them.
I am meeting of course with more
kindness than I deserve.

Osawatomie Friday March 18 1892.

Dear Sisters

Mary's letter was received Wednesday. I was sorry to learn that you were all so poorly. I hope you are all better now, but I shall be anxious to hear again. I have nothing to complain of only that I do not gain in strength fast. But I am gaining a little, and I think I will be all right before long. I do not do anything besides my own housework, except milking 7 or 8 cows. John Eddie started out West last Wednesday. He went first to Olpe. He wrote me from there Friday. They were all well. He was going to Emporia with Charlie Saturday. He said they were all well, and seemed to be prospering. They have a horse and two cows and several pigs. I think he intended to stay in Olpe over Sunday; and then to Anthony to get his clothes and books. He was not satisfied with his success in canvassing in Osawatomie. I thank you for the sulphur and will try to take it. I don't feel the need of anything. That makes me forgetful. I feel quite well when I keep still. Lewis has had a cold but is getting better. We rest are all well. I expect all the time I am

awake. I can hardly stop to eat and sleep. But I read slowly. I can not get the focus on a long line at one glance. And unless I get the focus I can see nothing but blank paper.

Excuse brevity. I find it hard to write. But it does not tire me at all to milk. Why the difference?

Love to all from your brother

John R Everett.

This is the best paper I could find in the house. I must thank you for those little boxes and their contents. The pellets you sent me to Chicago, cousin put up for me in little bottles. Good cousin, I say!

Osawatomie Aug 27 18[illegible]

Dear Cousin,

Your Father requested me to write a word to tell you how he is. He says that he is neither better or worse. I believe that he is quite sick although he is up and about. He will not hear to having a doctor come and see him, and perhaps he does not need

one. I am sure I cannot tell
I felt worried about him
day before yesterday and
somewhat alarmed but
he seems better today. He
has not been as strong
this summer as last.
He has been able to do
the churning and to
milk until this week
He is able to have written
this himself but was lying
down. The rest of us are well [illegible]
your cousin R. H. S. [illegible]

[illegible], Nov. 30, 1892

My dear sisters,

Yours was received last Saturday. I was very glad to hear from you. I have been wanting to write for some time but do not seem to have much news. I suppose Libby has written to you the neighborhood news of Mrs. Barnard's death, and two or three weeks before her Geo. Odenbaugh, at Mr. McLain's and a few weeks before of Miss Anderson. I was at the two last funerals. They removed the [illegible] from Mrs. Barnard's neck (as she had requested) before burial. Robert had seen her only three or four days before, and she seemed then well and cheerful.

Arthur Lessenden is going to move west to about the center of the State to Lincoln county in a few weeks. I stay at home so closely I don't get much neighborhood news. But I go to town most

every time the butter goes down. We are making about 5 pounds a day now, sell at 30 ct. We had a heavy crop of millet hay, ~~fine~~ pretty good corn, and rather poor potatoes. They had a good garden but very few apples. I have bought 40 apple and peach trees (grafted on the stock, which gives better and more fibrous roots) which I have healed in and am going to plant in the spring. My health seems quite good, and I am stronger than I have been this summer. I walked to town last Monday, and got a ride back, and it did not tire me at all. But I am not yet undertaking to work any only milking and churning. Do you hear from Olfe. I ought to write to them. I want to send you some money soon. Good bye now with much love to all, From your affectionate brother John R Everett

I think Eddie has done a good thing. But marriage is a lottery. I hope he has drawn a prize. I have only heard from him once since

[illegible] Apl 11 189[illegible].

My dear sister

Yours of the 6th came to hand yesterday. We are a sad household here today. Lillie had a little girl baby about three o'clock yesterday. She seemed to feel happy and cheerful after the event for a little while. But a complication set in - flooding, they called it - which the doctor (Dr [illegible]) could not control. She died at sundown. It is very sad. I was very much attached to her. She was a good friend to me - always ready and forward to help. Funeral Friday at the Congregational church.

I do not think I had better try to come out. Cousin Jennie Hughes would be

Please hold this
a letter [illegible] the must
call [illegible]

a good counsellor if you could get her to come to see you, far better than I would be.

I believe I would sooner have money invested there with a good safe person at 6 per cent than here without personal knowledge at 7. John Ellis Prichard (carpenter) told Robert this summer that money could be got there at 5 per cent. Edward knows better than I.

I feel much depressed I have lost a good friend Robert has likely gone to Libby's mother. With love, hoping to hear soon again your brother

John R. Everett

The baby weighed 9 pounds. They call it Lottie.

Osawatomie, Kas Oct 20 1857

My dear Lillie

I am very anxious to hear by a letter from you [illegible] to day I [illegible] a letter from home to day, and on writing for [illegible] the P.O. The letter was written from home [illegible] ~~[illegible] at Merrill~~ — I am mistaken — It was returnable to Merrill if not delivered. I [illegible] afraid that sister Mary would get sick with the moving I believe it is harder on her than on Horace. [illegible] anxious to have [illegible] there is so much there still to do. The[y] are getting along pretty well [illegible]. It is hard on Mary [illegible] the baby seems to give a good deal of trouble. It wants to be held all the time. It [illegible] It seems pretty healthy too. My health is better than is usual with me in the fall. This time of year is usually my

[illegible] time, but I [illegible] to be feeling better than [illegible]. If the remaining [illegible] as my days are ticked off and present time changes to past I should hope I might be getting my lease [?] of life renewed. But who can tell what a day or an hour may bring us! O that we may all have grace and strength and (let us humbly hope) divine help to act well our part in the present as the days roll over us. Write and tell me, as [?] quick [?] how you are, [illegible] only a couple of lines.
The weather is exceedingly warm here, more like summer. Remember me kindly to Priscilla [?] [illegible]. Much love and sympathy. A kind greeting to Mary [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from your affectionate brother [?]

John [illegible]

Osawatomie, Kansas June 4, [illegible]

My dear sister

I received to day the package of bandages you kindly sent but you will be glad to know I do not need them. My sores are getting well, and the scabs peeling off. The burns were bad but not deep. The flame caught me after getting to the door while I was fumbling for the latch. A quarter of a minute (or half) later and I could not have lived. I am feeling a great deal better to-day than since the accident. I have felt in a kind of collapse bodily and mentally but today I am more natural. Robert has taken off to day & hope they bought [illegible] $100 and some cents. I owe 100 on the Separator & [illegible] besides lumber for [illegible] if I build (as I hope to) I shall have to borrow. If I can get the money I will build 24 feet square with [illegible] 12 feet long

I must make this short as Robert is
going down with hogs of his
own. The Separator was the only
thing that I saved. I think I
would ask at least $400 to build.
I hope to see John Eddie
tomorrow. With much love
Your brother John
Robert's folks all well.

Osawatomie, June 14 1895

My dear sisters,

John Eddie has rented a house
for $8 a month. There are four rooms and two
closets in it; but the rooms are all small. The
house is 20x30 ft. It is near the Congregational
church and east from it. They have a Catholic
church near the Congregational church and the
house is opposite the Catholic Church. I have
done nothing yet toward building, and do not
know what I shall do. I can not build so
that John Eddie can live with me without
borrowing. I do not want to sell my cows.
It would be like a ~~farmer~~ carpenter selling his
tools. I would like to hear from you.

There is a family living in the old [illegible]
and boarding my hands. I pay 10 cents a meal.
And the new milk is fed to the hogs. That
seems ruinous farming. I hope to remedy it
somewhat if I get stronger. The number of
cows is small for the pasture and the pasture
is very good, and they are giving lots of milk.
I have 26 hogs in all, 16 of them this spring pigs.
My health is not good. I feel as if I had
been through a spell of sickness.

The trouble now seems to be that my hands do not move. My burns have healed except one ear and my lip, and an open sore on the top of my head. I dress the sore with ~~ugi~~ [illegible] of [illegible] ointment. Hoping to hear soon your affectionate [illegible]

John [illegible]

Osawatomie, June 19. 1895.

Dear sister

Your kind letter of the 15th came yesterday. I wonder if you could find out from cousin Mary what Alexander ~~[illegible]~~ or Mr Cross do with their cast off overcoats. I need something of the kind. I escaped from the fire almost naked and after paying my hired hands and their board almost penniless if not worse. I find after the scabs have left my face that even my eyebrows were burnt off. The flames evidently came from a large kerosene lamp which I had filled before lighting that evening. They must have struck down when they came to the eaves of the house which is the reason I did not breathe them. only the advance flame could have reached me. I felt nothing when I got to the door. But I know nothing only by conjecturing and reflecting for I did not know I was burned till I got out of doors. Only felt the sting of heat.

Would it be unreasonable for me to ask [illegible] [illegible] children to help me in my infirmity. If I could get $1500 or $1800 for say three years time at 6 per cent interest it would be a help and I would make no [illegible] to asking it. There is no [illegible] but infirmity. I am afraid I can [illegible] and [illegible] would proceed to get the dependency [illegible] stock is [illegible].

J.K.E.

I have no account that father can have. He is not very good but probably [illegible] convenience for the present. Other matters, too, I have that he will find comfortable and suitable.

Father says that if the [illegible] in this letter, in your judgment, better not be made, ~~[illegible]~~ you may say nothing about them.

J.K.E.

I have had a very bad cold for over a week. but I hope I am getting a little better now. I was glad to hear Jennie write about trying to have something done for her hearing. I hope she may find something to help it. I am about the same, perhaps a little deafer if any thing. Frank's first term in school closed yesterday. But the Directors arranged to have the school go right on for two weeks until school meeting, and perhaps for two months. But I am afraid Frank cannot go much on account of work. I have no time to write any more to night. Good night.

Susie,

The weather has turned [illegible] now for two days - cold North wind. There is a new railroad excitement now in the County - a great Mass Meeting in [illegible] Saturday - for an East & West road connecting with the Missouri Pacific East of us. The road they are now-

building is a North & South
road having Galveston Bay
on the Gulf of Mexico as its
Southern proposed terminus.
There is a great deal of Railroad
activity, especially in projecting
in Kansas at present. Some coun=
ties pledge themselves in bonds
heavily in assistance.
Love to all especially the
children—
L.F.C.

Osawatomie 9th mo 2th 1864

Friend Everett,

Thy letter of 22nd came to hand yesterday. After reading it all anxiety for the restoration of Sarah to good health and her home and friends was at and, The thread of life which our hope had rested on, had snaped and all was gone, sorrowfull as this may be to thee, and to Sarahs Friends and old acquaintances, there is no help for it. to it fall must be resigned, We hope that however ereparable great thy lass has been that thee will be able to stand the shock. Frankie seems cherfull and resigned he has been at home nearly all ^the time lately. Anew has been at home for some days and Frankie has been staying with him, the weather has been so dry ~~that~~ and by that the grass so poor that I advised Frankie to let the old mares run on the Hungarian, the watter gave out in the well so that the calves had to be turned out with the cows, and the horses taken to the creek for watter, there is some little place in the ravene back of the lot that the sheep get watter

There has not many changes taken place with thy property since thee left the sale of the Wool Cheese Can of Lard side meat and the delivery of that cow is all that has taken place of any impotance, thy corn will be a good half crop the fodder is verry good, Doty has disappointed us and has not cut any hay yet, and it is my opinion that if thee is not coming home to feed it out, that it will not pay to have it cut, and according to the prices asked for cutting fodder, it will not pay unles thee could feed it out,

My advice to thee is to come home and sell, or make such other disposition of thy property as may seem expedient, when thee shall have taken a general view of things, and I think the sooner thee comes home the better disposition thee will be likely to make in selling thy stock or corn, or in making some arrangement with some one to take care of thy stock or corn, thy corn will wait some two weeks yet to be cut, with much respect I conclude and remain thy friend.

Calvin Barnard

X

Philadelphia July 1. 1854.

Mr John R. Everett has the Agency for the sale of Mitchell's New Universal Atlas in the Counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Cambria Blair & Indiana, Pennsylvania, price of the work twelve dollars, terms Cash on delivery.

Cowperthwait, Desilver & Butler

Philadelphia July 1. 1854

Mr J. R Everett

Dear Sir,

Your fav of 29th ult just recd the seven dollars & fifty cents enclosed in same we have placed to your credit and now send by Adams Express a sample copy of the Atlas.

We have given you above a certificate for the Agency in several Counties, and shall expect you to canvass thoroughly such places as you attempt, not skim over the ground merely —

When you get thro' let us know the places you have labored in.

Very Resp Yours

Cowperthwait, Desilver & Butler

Mr. John R. Everett
Pittsburgh
Pa

New York Feb 14th

My Excellent Friend,

How glad I was to see your letter - Was not I? But what I had done to deserve money from you I could not divine. I am obliged to you for it, but I think it a present. I am glad you are going on. May the good Spirits help you. I come often to you - Do you feel me about you, breathing courage into your faint heart! Do you ever hear me say, dear Everett don't give up - I am glad you have the sympathy & help of your brother - 'Unity is Strength' - Give my kind regards to that same brother -

I am hurried greatly. I am teaching a Class & reading the proof of one of my novels which the Harpers are publishing, & I am writing another, & I am seeing much more company than when you were here - My health is greatly improved, and I sometimes hope I am good for something - I see Mr Havens but seldom here. His health is bad & I think his temper suffers especially - He calls once in a week, or two - but gives himself up to business & drugging now, instead of water Cure - When I see him I will give your respects to him, for he has a very kindly regard for you -

Mr Lazarus is still here & is very kind to us We love

him much & his good Sisters -
Do write me when you feel like it - I will always be glad of a letter from you and will always answer whilst I can write at all -
With earnest friendship
I am yours,
J. K. Everett
M. S. Gove

Dear Mr Everett.

I received yours this morning and was very glad to hear from you and that you were improving in health, I hope you will continue to do so -

I gave Mr Havens your message & he seemed very glad to hear from you. He is getting better & is trying Homeopathy

Every thing is going on at Dr Shews as usual I believe, Mother & myself have left, and are now at 648 Broadway. We shall be very glad to hear from you again when convenient, -

Good bye - Very Sleepily Yrs.

Elma Nelson

John R. Everett
Remzen
N.Y.

Wed. Morning

Dear Mary

I think perhaps that the [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] yesterday [illegible] they were all looking brighter than when I saw them before [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] very [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

days She has changed
doctors - gone from bad to
worse I think - has Dr.
Annan now & he tells her
that Dr Price was mistaken
in the premises, &c

Mrs. Morris then says
I saw Ben Jones that
he stopt off last evening
Poor Jenny! "as his days so
may his strength be" &c

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My Dear little bit of a sister Innocence - I mean chunk instead of bit. —

I've [illegible] that you're [illegible] to mean that we've moved. Sat. we hired a new house and monday we moved our things into it and Tuesday we put them in order and today we've washed two weeks wash-ing and got through. What now and what I we shall do tomorrow I cannot tell. We have got all the chambers of Hugh [illegible]'s new house close by father's you know, and Mother lets me come over here and [illegible] carrying water up stairs isn't that so nice. One room that we occupy is 12 ft by 11 ft. isn't that cozy, then we have two large bed rooms 10 ft by 12. and one large closet about 5 by 12 - besides sufficient room in the woodhouse chamber for storing some tubs iron ware slop pail &c &c. It's all so new and clean and nice there that I'm almost in ecstacies and then I [illegible] Jerome home to dinner which affords me a blessed exquisite ~~bliss~~ [illegible] experienced by the side of his "own dear wife" which he says in a letter to Sarah is beyond the power of words to portray.

But I know what he means only I cant get the words any more than he could How I wish we had an improved language with which we could express all our deep feelings — . Alas for the poverty of words

What are those works of Websters that were given to the Sem. last fall — and when are you going to send those recipts for cake bread and pudding? Those two questions were so closely associated in my mind that I put them in one sentence I hadnt the heart to separate them.

I am glad to hear that your health is improving. I suspected when you left that it would get better if it did not grow worse

Sarah by Dr Goss' permission took a Fomentation on her back this forenoon. We do not know of course so soon what will be its leading effect but I should judge from her appearance this afternoon that its effect on her would be favorable

Margaret came up here last Friday and returned this morning greatly improved — Mother is enjoying usual health as are all the rest of the family

May I commenced intending to write a real sentimental letter. full of heart and feeling and — trash. The trash I've put down but the heart and feeling where are they? Echo answers where? I'll save them pent up a season longer they'll gather a little more impetus and when they do burst forth will leave a gorgeous flood in their path

You must ~~[illegible]~~ fortify yourself in some overhanging rock far far above the mighty waves lest they [illegible] when you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Lizzie is waiting and [illegible] [illegible] for me to write you something worth coming after it. Though my letter is [illegible] guiltless of any such [illegible] so I will [illegible] the aggravation only to [illegible] them [illegible] from [illegible]

L. M. C. E.

Remsen Feby 7. 1853

My Dear Sister Innocence—

We think that letter of yours worth about a shilling and so John wishes me to forward that amount from him immediately as he has concluded to go on the ready pay system in future—I shall therefore defer sending those cards till my next. Now I have a very grievous thing to communicate to you—a sad thing—a something that weighs heavily upon my heart—something that I fain would leave unsaid—something that dims my eyes as I write it—Yes I must tell you what I shrink from even thinking—I must write it letter by letter till it is all spread out on the page before me as if it were not enough to feel it all at once but it must come up to my consciousness by piece meal as a barbarian executioner drains the life slowly of his victim drop by drop. I must tell you but not now lest your health is too feeble to endure the shock so nerve yourself and

sickness would be somewhat more lingering than it otherwise would have been but there was nothing dangerous in her case—I think she will get along now she has somebody that isn't [illegible] or [illegible] with opium to doctor her, He says the same as the other Drs here, relative to her situation.

John says he is about as usual. The storm has not prevented him from coming home yet—I guess it wont either when I'm here—Give my love to Ellen [illegible] and Mattie Chamberlain and Martha Eastman and you know who all what's the use of writing down forty names remember [illegible] Miss Shattuck but remember she dont come on the above list. Ask Miss Scott if I cant come and graduate next summer tell her my man says he'll be examined for me in all the studies of the course that I have not got—and if she objects tell her I think some of the graduates need a "better half" to answer for them at least it would be greatly for the credit of the school if they had one.

I believe I've answered all your questions. John guesses he'll send his love to you I suppose you can read this guessing and you—I forgot to tell you that I am very well considering that I am your Sister [illegible]

fortify your strength with sitz and other baths, until three days shall have passed away when you may break the seal of this letter but not sooner lest you be all unprepared for what I am going to relate. Can you believe does not your heart cry out against such a monstrosity when I tell you that your letter to me in Sarah's reached Remsen Sat. evening and was in our house from that time till eight O'clock Monday morning, and yet I did not get it till 6 O'clock Sunday evening!! Think of it as you may, doubt it as you will, the above narration is literally true, and does not vary so much as a shadow from the fact as it actually occurred!-

Sarah is gaining steadily I should think, I came from there this evening after a brief stay of perhaps 15 or 20 min. during which time I was mostly occupied reading your letter so I did not learn anything only the impression my vision gave me, which was rather favorable, she was certainly looking quite smart. John says she sat up yesterday (Sunday) twice about 20 min. each time— Mother I should judge is usually well you never know exactly how she is unless you are with her all the time but she is certainly much better than when you ~~saw~~ left here.

Margaret is sometimes better and sometimes worse. Yesterday she was had quite a bad day they sent for Dr. Guiteau in the Evening he told them she had not been ~~treated~~ doctored rightly and that in consequence her (see 1st page)

Miss [illegible]

[illegible] Valley

Mass

1860's

Mar. 23 -

Dear Jennie.

We had a nice time coming home that day, but I have not time to tell you much about it except that we walked and rode & rode and walked alternately till overtaken by the stage when father and I who were walking together got in and rode a half mile perhaps - We ~~were then~~ had then arrived at the second gate and John stopped the driver and came round and asked me to exchange places with "Aunt Sarah" and ride with him - a very happy exchange for me as well as her. We found Sarah much better than you feared when we left you. Aunt Sarah's sudden visitation was not altogether unexpected and does not affect her more perhaps than a stranger visiter would -

I have concluded to get you to take that pattern to Mrs [illegible] and get the edge put on — I forgot to ask you ~~to~~ [illegible] of [illegible] got that [illegible] flagellation in the morning - write [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ you money [illegible] him - I hope you will have less trouble with him and the rest also

I in haste

[illegible] —

We left Mother's Green cushion with some things for the Office in one corner of the sitting room will you send them by Henry and tell him to get a paper of Cocoa not Chocolate, and bring up with him. Father wants him to call at the Express Office and freight Office and see if anything has come for Father

Jennie

Lock of Frank's hair.

[illegible] May 21, 185[illegible]

Dear Friends

Since [illegible] you have [illegible] address at last, so we may have some prospect of hearing from you in the future, It has been quite a trial not to be able to get your letters, for we felt sure they had been sent - You need not worry or feel anxious about us, because our house happens to be tight enough without windows for we are quite comfortable I assure you

We have a bedstead made of round poles with the bark on (answers instead of carved work) and our two ticks filled with prairie grass which we easily gathered ~~since~~ soon after we came in, with a thick comfortable over them for a mattress furnishes us with a very <u>luxurious</u> couch, Roberts large trunk filled with bedclothes makes a bed for Frank at night and in the day time with the cover on, and cradle quilt spread over furnishes a fine Ottoman, so you see we have not only all that is necessary to <u>comfort</u> but also some <u>luxuries</u>

Mary's picture helps to adorn one side of our

[illegible] thick with them, while ~~a~~ ~~the~~ a third
is ~~t~~ ornamented with shelves made of split
or the shingles laid on pegs driven into the logs
on which our books are arranged – Our floor is
neatly covered with a carpet – you have no reason
to feel anxious we have not suffered –

We have a cow which furnishes us with what
milk we need to use – Provisions of all kind are
very dear Beans for instance five dollars a bushel
corn meal one dollar and a half a bushel and
other things in proportion, yet our board here
has not been more expensive than it used
to be in Steuben

We did not get that bundle sent to
Westfield – hope you will be able to recover
it. Have you ever received our band-box? We
left that at Westfield and John directed
them to send it to Robert's care at Utica –

Little Franky is getting healthier and
hearty all the time – He eats about as much
as his father. John's health is much better
than when we left Steuben, mine too is greatly
improved, We will write more in our next, but had only
a few minutes this time before the stage leaves

Your affectionate daughter [illegible]

Music charms the savage Breast.

[illegible] July 10. 1854

[illegible]

[illegible]

And so your little timid buttercups have kept themselves hidden, [illegible]? Or have they been coquetting with sunshine [illegible] showers [illegible] and dancing 'mid the [illegible] that were stealing the dew-gems from their glittering [illegible]. Long, long time ago they stept into the gray of life while their old admirers forgetful of their charms that were, are now wooing fully blossoms and "half-opened buds."

Nothing so enchanting as beauty

that "school in Osanatomie to be taught by Rev. Mr. H. C. Everett" is only a verification of the poets declaration —

"Man never is but always to be blest"

There was no lack of scholars or room or teacher, but the seek that must decide, Providence (to use the language of "our special correspondent") showered down a little incident, which for the time being set every one to thinking more about horses than scholars and more about fortifications than school rooms, and more about soldiers than teachers — What could I do under the circumstances but to sympathize with the unfortunate town people in the ~~[illegible]~~ injury they had sustained, not only in the loss of the ~~property~~ riches they had — but in the more unspeakable wealth of mind which they might have had but for

Shame accompanies mean actions

this untoward event, I say this sympathy on my part was of the most disinterested character and under the circumstances, would to one who knows so well the soft material of my heart, be quite superfluous - so I will not make any allusions to it whatever

Did you have any 4th or an Independence day in Steuben? There was a 4th here, but Alas! to slaves comes no "day of" independence. And such are we - a people subjugated! and by whom? By the pulest of the land - the blackest, not in skin, but in heart, of the black by those whose deeds condemn them ~~to the~~ to the penitentiary and the gallows! such are our masters!! How long O Lord how long must Freedom be prostrated beneath this modern Juggernaut - My heart sickens and my faith grows dim and dimmer

Triumph not over the unfortunate

"with every day's record of wrong and outrage"

You may think that an appeal to arms is a disastrous thing. It is indeed—but for my [illegible] I think the time is coming, and now is when that appeal should be made—and when he that hath no sword should ~~let him~~ sell his garment and get one—or in modern phrase—no Sharpe's rifle. John has made mention of a tribe of thieves below us some 3 or 4 miles—they are the refuse of Buford's men and other parties of the same stamp & the refuse of refuse—I fear we shall have to look after some things more strictly personal than politics—These creatures are allowed to settle on Indian land in advance of ~~the~~ its legal opening for settlement—while the men who have dared to anticipate have been driven off—I believe that a vengeance more terrible than the doom of Sodom awaits the North if they longer delay or shrink from their plain duty in the settlement of the difficulties here, in this territory. To their inaction and ready yielding to wrong do these troubles owe their origin. Will they now make reparation? Or will they continue to heap up for themselves wrath against a day of wrath? Let their acts speedily make reply—

S.N.E.

P.S. Please send one or two papers of ruta baga seed in your next if you can. We cannot get them here or turnep seed either. If you were going to Utica you could get ¼ pound of such seed for 1/-

Longwood Oct. 9. 1856.

Dear Sis

So you've got a little "Never" have you? Well I never! Now whats his name? and who does he look "just exactly like"? and does he ever cry? And aint it such a cunning little thing? and aint it so funny to have a baby in the family for certain? Well of course it is!

Give my most excruciating congratulations to both its parents and specially to its ma, also to its other relatives too numerous to mention.

Well! well! that'll do now, that'll do I guess

We are all in good health our poor wounded George is gaining, but is still in a pitiful condition! It is a sickening task to dress his wounds — There is a great deal of matter comes from some of them yet and tis very offensive but the poor fellow is so patient that it lightens the burthen of waiting on him — The Ruffians are ~~chasing me~~ hunting down our mail carrier again, so that our letters must necessarily be a little irregular again, but you will have no cause to be alarmed about us if you do now and then miss our weekly (weakly) communication

We have nothing of importance to relate this week — A load of flour (20 sacks) and chest of tea had been sent to Osawatomie for the benefit of the needy — it was furnished by some eastern man I believe consign[illegible] Dr. who attends [illegible] sent us a sack the morning of its arrival — it came very opportunely as we used the last we had that morning, and there is none in the place and has not been any since the "battle of Osawatomie,

It is very nice flour

Is Eddie gathering any nuts this fall? If there are none in Steuben, I would advise him to come over to Kansas and spend a week or two on a visit and in the mean time gather a few wagon loads of black walnuts to take home to crack this winter! they are splendid nuts I like them better than butternuts How is the fruit in your section this fall, 'tis scarce here The peach trees in Missouri were all killed last winter Do you think you'll be able to stop looking at "the baby" long enough to write us a few lines again this winter;

Well good night, its time for sober old folks like us who havent got a baby to play with in the evening to be in ~~D~~ ~~in~~ bed

Much love to all the good folks at the parsonage

Sarah

Osawatomie, Oct. 17. 1856.

Dear Cynthia & Jennie -

I can hardly find time to write at all, but must scribble a few lines in answer to yours I will tell you how we happened to get poor wounded George - He was shot about 1½ miles above the town as "the Ruffians" came in and laid there till almost night before his leg was set or his wounds dressed - the people near him were either af[ra]id to take him in, lest some calamity should befall them from the Ruffians or else too stingy for they were able to take him - perhaps a little of both, so they advised him to be sent down to a house about 2 miles where a lady was keeping house for 6 or 7 bachelors. - He was sent [illegible] there below town accordingly, this lady's husband [illegible] free state men for[illegible] must retreat he in the flight got separated from every one else, and not knowing to the course pursued by the Ruffians remained hid till Sabbath evening, But this is a digression - When he returned rumors were afloat that another set were coming in to wipe out the remnant that remained of this invasion, so they concluded that it would be best to break up housekeeping and retire to a less exposed position.

David Mendenhall (one of our Quaker friends 3 miles beyond us) was down to town that day (Monday) with his team and they told him their intentions - he took the wounded man in his wagon and started - He had been sent down from above, there was no use in taking him again in that direction - there was but one family left in town and they were many of them sick and beside it was an exposed point if the place were attacked again, and ~~it~~ was also the only place for the scattered straggling free

state men to stop and they had all the time more such to wait on than they well could care for — We were the first family across the creek, and when they reached here he had been carried three miles in a lumber wagon ~~through~~ across two ravines that are enough to make sound bones ache to say nothing of broken ones, — If he was carried farther his chances for accommodations were even less than here — our next neighbor (a worthy Quaker) lives in a house 10 by 12 with no chamber and had two sick men boarding with him — Our next neighbors ~~lived~~ were three families in two tents and one family of eight in a rail house 10 by twenty with of course no chamber — the next neighbor some two miles were undecided about staying in Kansas and friend David three miles beyond us had 19 in family one a sick man and no chamber, that comprises our neighborhood of free-state ~~men~~ families — proslavery people were not called on for favors — Could we do less than divide our last mouthful with the poor sufferer & trust Providence when that was gone — 'Tis true we hardly knew how we were to get through the winter, and that we took him with no hope of remuneration at the time — but we could not have refused to do so had we wished to and had no wish to refuse — As it is we now have some expectations of being paid for taking care of him — He has been with us nearly 7 weeks and cannot leave probably for 4 or 5 weeks to come. — John and Frank [illegible] quite recovered from their [illegible] — I did indeed have [illegible] up so I was obliged to go one day down to the river 1/4 [illegible] wash out a large bundle of things for George, and bring water — just think of walking up from Running with a three gallon pail of water in one hand, and a bundle of wet clothes nearly as heavy in the other — two of our neighbors came that day and dug our spring down some feet deeper and that night it rained so we have had plenty of water ever since — All the fruit we have this fall on our own place is grapes — there are no peaches to be had this fall in these parts — the trees were all killed by the hard winter — apples are very dear we sent for some for George by the mail two weeks ago and did not get more than 1/3 of a bushel for fifty cts. — Sugar is dear here this fall, common brown, six lbs. for a dollar. —— I must say a little to Jennie separately her note was somewhat unchristian — Now Jennie do you really think that we can do no good any where if we are sick, and if we can why not here? and if we cannot why not as well be here as any where? And why should we move to a less exposed place than this when we have been carefully shielded from harm here? Dont you think to do so would be to distrust Providence? Would it be less than Infidelity for us to leave here now when the freestate cause is trembling between life and death, Every freestate man that leaves now gives the Devil just so much more room to work in beside discouraging others Every freestate man who firmly adheres to the cause and aids it by his presence encourages others who are wavering and timid, do you see that whoever influences his friends now to leave at this critical time are really the enemies of freedom and are directly helping Satan and the border Ruffians — Yours for freedom and humanity now and forever

Sarah